REPORT

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO TRY AND DETERMINE

THE MERITS OF THE PETITION

OF

JAMES CALTHORPE, Esquire,

AND

RICHARD BECKFORD, Esquire,

COMPLAINING OF

An undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Hindon*, in the County of *Wilts*.

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SELECT COMMITTEE, &c.

MR. DUNDAS acquainted the House, That in the Course of the Examination of the Witnesses on the Petition of James Cuthbert, Esquire, it having appeared to the Committee, that the most flagrant and notorious Acts of Bribery and Corruption had been practised, and that a very considerable Number of the Electors of the Borough of Hindon had been bribed and corrupted in a very gross and extraordinary Manner, and that several others of the said Electors had been concerned as Agents for the Purpose, the Committee, desirous that the House may adopt such Measures as may discourage, and, if possible, prevent a Practice so subversive of the Freedom of Elections, have directed him to lay before the House the Whole of the Evidence given before the said Committee, with their Opinions and Resolutions thereupon.

REPORT, &c.

MR. DUNDAS acquainted the Houſe, That in the Courſe of the Examination into the Merits of the Petition of *James Calthorpe*, Eſquire, and *Richard Beckford*, Eſquire, it having appeared to the Committee, that the moſt flagrant and notorious Acts of Bribery and Corruption had been practiſed, and that a very conſiderable Majority of the Electors of the Borough of *Hindon* had been bribed and corrupted in a very groſs and extraordinary Manner, and that ſeveral others of the ſaid Electors had been concerned as Agents for that Purpoſe; the Committee, deſirous that the Houſe may adopt ſuch Meaſures as may diſcourage, and, if poſſible, put an End to a Practice ſo ſubverſive of the Freedom of Elections, have directed him to lay before the Houſe the Whole of the Evidence given before the ſaid Committee, with their Opinions and Reſolutions thereupon.

Mercurii,

Mercurii, 1° *die Februarii* 1775.

MINUTES on *Hindon* ELECTION.

Thomas Dundas, Eſquire, in the Chair;

PRESENT,

General *Van Neck*,
Mr. *Marſh*,
Mr. *Aubrey*
Mr. *Brett*,
Mr. *Wilkinſon*,
Mr. *Honeywood*,
Mr. *Elwes*,
Mr. *Woollaſton*,
Mr. *Vaughan*,
Mr. *Phelips*,
Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *Benyon*,
Mr. *Cary*,
Mr. *Byng*.

Counſel for Mr. *Calthorpe* and Mr. *Beckford*,
Mr. *Bearcroft*,
Mr. *Lee*.
Agent,
Mr. *Smith*.

Counſel for Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Hollis*,
Serjeant *Davy*,
Mr. *Potter*,
for Mr. *Smith*.
Agent,
Mr. *Gooſtree*.
Mr. *Mansfield*,
Mr. *Buller*,
for Mr. *Hollis*.
Agent,
Mr. *Palmer*.

[Petition of Mr. *Calthorpe* and Mr. *Beckford* read.]

[Laſt Determination relating to this Election, 12 *April* 1728, read.]

Mr. *Bearcroft*, Counſel for Petitioner, opens his Caſe.

[Mr. *Smith* produced the original Poll—ſigned by *James Still*, Deputy Bailiff of the Borough.]

Numbers on the Poll.

Calthorpe,	63
Beckford,	32
Smith,	163
Hollis,	161

Mr.

Mr. *JAMES STILL*, ſworn.

Was Returning-Officer at the laſt Election—This is the Poll taken under my Inſpection—I have another, that was taken by the Poll-Clerk—never examined them both together—This laſt was not ſigned by me.

Withdrew.

FRANCIS MEAD, ſworn,

Lives at *Hindon*—am a Plumber and Glazier to the Duke of *Somerſet*—a Voter for *Hindon*—remember ſeeing the Reverend Mr. *Nairn* and Captain *Nairn* the latter End of *January*, 1773—met them at the *George* in *Hindon* (Mr. *William Lucas*'s) they ſent for me, *William Lucas*, *Thomas Howell*, *John Hart*, *John Becket*, and *William Penny*; beſides the Two *Nairns*—all Voters---Mr. *Penny* came laſt into the Company.

What paſſed?

Captain *Nairn* being an Acquaintance of mine, came to me firſt—he aſked me how our Town ſtood affected; whether they would have a Gentleman of his chuſing? He ſaid, he had a Gentleman he could recommend for the Borough of *Hindon*, whom he would not have ſlung for 10,000 *l.*—He ſaid, he would not have him ſlung for the *Indies*—all of them heard it—it was ſaid in public—*Penny* was not in the Room when ſpoken—He ſaid afterwards to the ſame Tenor to *Penny*.—I ſaid to the Captain, it was very requiſite: they wanted ſuch a Thing—The Captain ſaid, "Gentlemen, I have got a Gentleman to repreſent this Borough—a very valuable Man, of great Extent of Fortune—ſays he, I will lay down 3000*l.*—1000*l.* now—1000*l.* next Fall, and 1000*l.* more Two or Three Days before the Election—and would not ſtand for Two or Three Hundred more."

What ſaid the Company to this?

We did not object to it—they all ſeemed agreeable to it—we all aſked how it was to be done—He ſaid once in a Fortnight—we drank Two Bottles of Shrub together—We drank General *Gold*'s Health—They had been talking of the *Shafteſbury Gold*——Captain *Nairn* ſaid, "That's right, my Lads, he is a brave General, and has faced the Mouth of many a Cannon"——I remember *Francis Ward*, Eſq; coming to the Borough about the 9th of *February*—Mr. *Brown* and his Lady came with him—they ſpent the Evening at the *George*—*Francis Ward* next Morning ſent for me, *William Penny*, *Hart*, *Howell*, *Lucas*, and *J. Becket*—When we were together, *Ward* opened the Buſineſs—He ſaid he came in Behalf of Captain *Nairn*'s Friends—he brought down ſome Bank Notes, in order to change them, to let the Boroughmen have Five Guineas apiece—obliged to go to *Meer* and *Shafteſbury* to change them—Mr. *Howell* went with me to

Shafteſbury—*John Becket* was to ſtay behind to draw Notes of Hand for Five Guineas, and Four were to be drawn together—*Ward* ſaid there had been ſome of the Notes changed at *Shafteſbury*, and ſaid he had given Ten Shillings a Hundred for changing them.

After all this, was there any Agreement for to go to any private Houſe?

Yes; to *George Haward*'s—Mr. *Ward* went with me to give the Notes of Five Guineas apiece—There were Six or Seven Perſons hired to be Door-keepers to keep the Mob off—One Guinea was paid *Haward* for the Uſe of the Room—There were Sixſcore and Ten received the Money that Night.

[Delivers in a Liſt of them.]

It is a Liſt of the Whole upon my Recollection of ſeeing them there that Night, and at *Lucas*'s.

When did you firſt ſee General *Smith* at *Hindon*?

About a Week or a Fortnight before the Election—was the firſt Time I ſaw him—He had been there before I ſaw him—Captain *Nairn*, and Parſon *Nairn* were with him at that Time—they appeared to be Friends to him—The Parſon ſaid, This is my Friend—good many Voters ſaid, there were Forty or Fifty who had not received General *Gold*'s Favour—this paſſed about a Fortnight before the Election—as near as I can recollect—at the *Swan Inn*.

What did they ſay about General *Gold*'s Favour?

They aſked the Captain, and General *Smith* anſwered, They ſhould be ſatisfied, and ſhould be one and all—There were Notes drawn in *Ward*'s Name—each Note was for Twenty Guineas—Four ſigned each Note—it was made payable to *Ward*—the Money was packed up—Five Guineas, in a Paper—they let in Four at a Time—it was out of the Money he brought from *Shafteſbury* and *Meer*—the Voters took the Money away, and ſigned the Notes.

How many received theſe Five Guineas that you can recollect?

Joſeph Norton, *Joſeph Cuſt*, *John Edwards*, *John Marſhman*, *John Larkham*, *Reinholder Bowles*, *Joſeph Cholſey*, Junior, *John Davis*, Senior, *Richard Erwood*, *Samuel Daw*, *William Cheverel*, *Thomas Harding*, *James Edwards*, *Joſeph Cholſey*, Senior, *Thomas Spencer*, *William Scammel*, *Luke Becket*, *John Dawes*, *Philip Becket*, *Edward Becket*, *Richard Pitman*, *John Biſhop*, *Edward Holliday*, *James Gilbert*, *John Cheverel*, *John Dukes*, Senior, *John Dukes*, Junior, *Robert Wier*, *Moſes Wicks*, *George Dukes*, *Thomas Stevens*, *Henry Gerrard*, *John Davis*, Junior, *Edward White*, *John Hooper*, Senior, *John Hooper*, Junior, *Henry Huff*, Senior, *Henry Huff*, Junior,

Junior, *Benjamin Cholſey*, Junior, *James Wier*, *John Bell*, *George Spender*, *William Lamb*, *Joſeph Lamb*, only he carried it back again, becauſe they would not give his Son (about Fourteen Years of Age) *Robert Wier*, (Butcher) *Richard Ingram*, *Matthew Stevens*, *William White*, *Francis Ranger*, *William Percy*, *William Cuff*, Senior, *Matthew White*, *William Stevens*, *George Stevens*, *John Stevens*, Senior, otherwiſe *James*, *Philip Stevens*, *John Stevens*, Junior, *Benjamin Cholſey*, Senior, *William Ranger*, *Francis Cheverel*, *James Anderſon*,

John Becket, } Sieve Makers.
Luke Becket, }

Thomas Wier, } Sawyers.
John Wier, }

Roger Spender, *Robert Day*, *Robert Small*, *Elias Stevens*, *James Stevens*, *William Stevens*, *William Gillam*, *William Dukes*, *Edward Tulop*, *Roger Norton*. *William Bennet* was not polled, *James Gilbert*, *John Gane*, Senior, *John Gane*, Junior; *James Erwood*'s Wife for her Huſband, he being then at *Edmonton*, near *London*; *Nathaniel Philips*, *Joſeph Norton*, *John Ranſom*, *Samuel Norton*, *Thomas Brooks*, *Joſeph Scammel*, *William Sandel*, Senior, *Luke Marſhmam*, *John Marſhmam*, *William Sandel*, Junior, *James Gough*, *William Harden*, Labourer, *Thomas Field*, *Samuel Field*, *John Bowles*, *Obadiah Ranger*.

There were Thirty more preſent, but I can be poſitive of ſeeing thoſe I have mentioned, take it.

After this paſſed at *Howard*'s and *Lucas*'s, I came to *London*, with *John Hart*, (whoſe Wife had run away)--all thoſe that I have mentioned, took the firſt Five Guineas—ſome at *Haward*'s and ſome at *Lucas*'s --I found the ſame Mr. *Ward*, at N° 16, in *Sherborn-Lane*, *London*; *Hart* who came with him, gave *Ward* a Paper—but cannot recollect what it was—there was ſome Talk about Guineas inſtead of Pounds—*Hart*, myſelf, and *Ward*, were preſent—*Ward* ſaid, He thought his Friend would not ſtand the Mark—he ſaid £. 3000 was the Mark—the Captain had fixed, and would not depart from it—he ſaid, they did not chuſe to accept the Pounds—upon which he ſaid he would write to his Friends—He ſent the Letter, appointing a Meeting—the Principal was to meet us over *Weſtminſter-Bridge*—but he did not come—Nothing material happened at that Meeting—after that another Letter came, to meet the Principal in *Scotland-Yard* —when the laſt Letter came, *Hart* and I was not at Home—the next Morning I was walking in *King-Street*, I met the ſame Mr. *Brown*, who was down at *Hindon*—he aſked me where I was going—I told him I was going to the ſame Coffee Houſe, where I was appointed to meet before—He told me he had left no Paper there—Mr. *Ward*

had

had acquainted him about the Guineas inſtead of Pounds; and the Principal ſaid, he would not ſtand to it—He ſaid, If we did not like that, they ſhould get another Foot to fit their Shoe, or elſe he himſelf would—Then I told him, I would have no more Concern with him—Remember writing a Letter to Captain *Nairn*, informing him, that there was a Report that *Jobber Stevens* was going to propoſe a Member, and he would make Hell roar and the Devil dance, at *Hindon*—I received a Letter in Anſwer.

[Captain *Nairn*'s Letter produced, dated St. *James*'s, *March* 1, 1774.]

[Copy of *John Mead*'s Letter to Captain *Nairn* read.]

About *Eaſter* 1774, on *Saturday*, *Eaſter Eve*, he ſaid, Parſon *Nairn*, go round to all my Friends that have not received the Five Guineas;—if they would come to the *George*, on *Monday*, they ſhould have Ten Guineas inſtead of Five—thoſe who had not received the former Five, were to receive Ten at a Time that Night—At the Sign of the *Swan*, there was a previous Converſation, when Parſon *Nairn* talked of ſending a Letter to General *Gold*.

What was the Money given for?

He ſaid it was for General *Gold*—they all in general ſaid ſo.

Did you hear of any Thing, at this ſubſequent Time, about this Five Guineas?

Yes, I was employed to glaze a Room for *Lucas*, for the Reception of thoſe that would come to receive the Money, on *Eaſter Eve*—about a Fortnight before *Eaſter*, Mr. *Penny* deſired the Parſon to go to his Friend, I remember nothing further of what paſſed upon *Eaſter Eve*—On *Eaſter Monday*, I went into the Room, where they were giving Money to Voters—He was a Stranger that gave it—the Voters came for Five Guineas to make up the former Ten—Three or Four Score at a Time—there was an Excuſe at that Time, that they would not let thoſe who had not received any, have it—many came—would not let me have it—I went up to the Room, and ſaid to *John Becket*, *Thomas Spencer*, and *Howell*, What are you got at here?—*Thomas Spencer* ſaid, it was a damn'd Piece of Roguery—I ſaid it was a damn'd Piece of Roguery altogether, and I would not have any thing to do with it.

It was a little before the Election that I differed with Parſon *Nairn*, and have had nothing to do with him ſince—General *Smith*, from the Time of ſtarting, was known by the Name of General *Gold*—there was one Man in particular *(Thomas Brookes)* voted for General *Gold* at the Election.

Remember *Hollis*'s coming to the Borough about a Month before the Election—he came with Mr. *Stevens* (Butcher) in *Saliſbury*—I was billetted at the Sign of the *Swan* at the Time, and I ſaw him come—Mr. *Stevens* began the Diſcourſe at the *Swan*, by ſaying, I

have

have brought a Perſon, I mean to propoſe—I ſaid I did not think it was becoming him to propoſe a Man—Mr. *Hollis* then himſelf ſaid, he was a Man of Honour, and would be as good as any Gentleman, who ſhould come to the Borough—then there was a Talk of their being One and All—and he ſaid it ſhould be One and All—don't remember *Percy* was there—remember no other Money given to any Body, but whom I mentioned.

Hollis and General *Smith* were total Strangers to the Borough before they came to ſolicit.

(Croſs-examined.) *Stevens* came, with *Hollis* and many others, to the *Swan*—there was Mr. *White* and ſeveral others—don't remember any other—Had no Quarrel with them at the Time.

Do you know the Malt-houſe at *Hindon?*

There are a great many Malthouſes in *Hindon*—don't know what Malthouſe you mean—I never ſaw any Money given at the Malthouſe called *The Hole in the Wall*—Never ſaw a Note put into a Hole of the Malthouſe—nor any Money put in—There was a Meeting of Mr. *Beckford*'s Friends there—I ſpent Two Evenings there—did not ſee *Beckford*'s Friends put a Note in the Hole—I was not in the Malthouſe—I never ſaw a Hole in the Door of the Malthouſe, where Notes could be put in—There were ſome Notes drawn at the Malthouſe—don't know whoſe Notes—they were taken away—don't remember who took them away—don't know who meddled with them—I am not rightly informed whether I touched them or not—Yes I did—I witneſſed a good many of them—I don't know in whoſe Name they were drawn in—I ſaw the Voteſmen ſign them—I witneſſed them—Can't recollect the Name of any one who ſigned them—Some who were at the Meeting voted for *Calthorpe*, ſome for *Beckford*, and ſome, I believe, for *Smith*—Can't tell what were to be done with the Notes—there might be Forty—I never ſaw a Penny of Money put in the Malthouſe—I don't know that the Notes were for Money—I was a Friend to General *Gold*—when I ſigned the Notes—The Malthouſe was not the Place for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*'s Friends to meet at, that I know of—Some of Mr. *Calthorpe*'s Friends were there, I believe.

Who were preſent?

John Becket, *William Becket*, *Luke Tyley*, *Harding*, and myſelf, —believe ſome of them might ſign the Notes—none that I witneſſed—Never ſaw any Money given by *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*—not a Penny---no Money of any Sort—*Luke Tyley* voted for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*—I and *Luke Tyley* were always ready to treat *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*—I have been at the Juſtice of Peace (Dr. *Wake*) many Times—Remember *Francis Ranger* being there—*Luke Tyley*

gave him a Laced Hat—when *Luke Tyley* took the Hat down there was nothing elſe ſaid—Did not offer him any Money in my hearing—Knows *Elizabeth Philips* by Sight—Wife of *Thomas Philips*—never told her of a Sum of Money being lodged in Mr. *Penruddock*'s Hands for Mr. *Beckford*—Don't remember £. 4000 being lodged in Mr. *Penruddock*'s Hands—I never told of that, nor that any Money was lodged in Mr. *Penruddock*'s Hands—I never heard of ſuch a Thing—Can't tell when I fancied General *Gold* and General *Smith* were the ſame Perſon—Never wrote to *Lucas* that I had ſeen the Principal—[Shewn the Letter, dated *March* 1773.] I at that Time took *Brown* to be the Principal—I never heard General *Smith* ſay, that they ſhould be ſatisfied—it was *Hollis*—I voted for *Calthorpe* and *Beckford*—I went with Mr. *Calthorpe*, and I was at the Malthouſe with Mr. *Beckford*'s Friends—The Malthouſe Meeting was ſome Time in *Chriſtmas* 1773, about Seven or Eight Months before the Election—Don't know that *Beckford*, or any for him, ever gave a Six-pence for any Vote—Long before *Beckford* canvaſſed the Borough, it was that I ſaw the Notes at the Malthouſe—Don't know that *Calthorpe* gave Six-pence at the Election, nor any Body for him—All I ever heard alleged about Mr. *Beckford*'s Election, was the £. 4000 lodged in Mr. *Penruddock*'s Hands—which I don't believe—I never heard of Six Pence given, before or ſince the Election, to any Voter—Never was in Company with *Beckford* before the Election—As certain as there's a God in Heaven I never heard of ſuch a Thing.

(Court.) What do you mean, in a former Part of your Evidence, that you underſtood General *Smith* to be General *Gold*, from the Time of Starting; and ſince ſaid you took Mr. *Brown* for him?

I never ſaw him till he came to *Hindon*.

When did you know *Brown* was not the Principal?

I never knew it before I ſaw him in *London*.

What's meant by the righteous People?

Becauſe they were thoſe who took no Money—*Thomas Brookes* voted for General *Gold*—I don't know he corrected himſelf when he ſaid General *Gold*.

Withdrew.

Adjourned till To-morrow.

A POLL

A POLL taken at the Election of Two Burgeſſes to ſerve in the next enſuing Parliament, for the Borough of *Hindon*, in the County of *Wilts*, the Tenth Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord 1774, before *James Still*, Gentleman, Deputy Bailiff of the ſaid Borough.

The Candidates are,

JAMES CALTHORPE, Eſquire,
RICHARD BECKFORD, Eſquire,
RICHARD SMITH, Eſquire,
THOMAS BRAND HOLLIS, Eſquire.

Note. Mr. *Calthorpe* was not preſent, but was nominated as a Candidate by *William Harden*, *William Bye*, *William Beckett*, and *William Burnett*, Four of the Electors.

	Calthorpe	N°	*Beckford.*	N°	*Smith.*	N°	*Hollis.*	N°	
Joſeph Norton					—		—		
Joſeph Cuffe					—		—		
John Edwards, Labourer					—		—		
William Stevens					—		—		
John Marſhman					—		—		
Iſaac Davis									diſallowed an Out-h[e]
John Edwards, Glazier			—		—				
John Larkham					—		—		
Renalder Boucles					—		—		
Joſeph Cholſey, Junior					—		—		
John Davis, Senior					—	10	—		
Richard Erwood					—		—	10	
Samuel Daw					—		—		
William Chiverell					—		—		
Thomas Harden					—		—		
James Edwards					—		—		
Joſeph Cholſey, Senior,					—		—		
Thomas Spencer					—		—		
Henry Oborne					—		—		
John Penny					—		—		
James Smart					—	20	—		
John Randall					—		—	20	
Edward Ranger					—		—		
Stephen Harding, Taylor					—		—		

John

	Caltborpe	N°	Beckford.	N°	Smith.	N°	Hollis.	N°
John Dewey								
Luke Beckett								
William Snook								
Philip Beckett								
Harry Jukes								
Edward Beckett, Seevyer								
Richard Pitman								
Thomas Wier								
Isaac Moody						30		30
William Hacker								
Reuben Burnett								
John Bishop								
Edward Halliday								
Walter Beckett								
Samuel Collier								
George Spender, Junior								
John Beckett, Son of William								
John Chiverell								
John Dukes, Senior								
John Dukes, Junior								
Robert Wier								
Moses Weeks						40		40
George Dukes								
Thomas Steevens								
John Bracher								No Vote.
William Spender								
John Hart								
George Hayward								
Edward Tulick								
Mathew Davis								
John Ingram, Junior								
Edward Mead								
Philip Beckett, Junior								
Andrew Farrett						50		
Henry Jerrard								50
William Brookes								
John Gilbert								
John Steevens, Breeches-maker								
Elias Steevens, Hag								
John Davis								
Thomas Howell								
William Day								
Walter Piercy								
John Beckett, Baker						60		
Edward Shergold								
Benjamin Beckett								60
William Harden, Cooper								
Edward White								
John Hooper, Senior								
Samuel Farthing		10						

William

	Calthorpe	N°	*Beckford.*	N°	*Smith.*	N°	*Hollis.*	N°	
William Newton	— —				— —				
William Neſbick	— —				— —				
Francis Mead	— —		— —						
John Hooper, Junior	— —				— —				
William Harden, Son of *William*	— —						— —		
William Lucas					— —		— —		
William Newton, Junior					— —	70	— —		
James Piercy					— —		— —		
John Fricher									Settled at Sarum.
William Abraham					— —		— —		
Henry Huffe, Senior					— —		— —		
Henry Huffe, Junior					— —		— —		
John Moore					— —		— —		
Benjamin Cholſey, Junior					— —		— —	70	
Thomas Moore			— —	10			— —		
William Penny	— —		— —						Part of his Father's Houſe.
Thomas Penny									
Henry Sympſon									Part of Wm. Penny's Houſe.
Nicholas Folliatt	— —		— —						
Nathaniel Cuffe	— —						— —		
Jeremiah Lucas									Part of John Beckett's Houſe.
John Baldwin	— —						— —		
John Beckett	— —	20	— —						
George Neal	— —						— —		
William Bennett									Part of Mr. Neals Houſe.
Luke Tiley	— —		— —						
James Wier	— —						— —		
John Bell	— —				— —				
George Spender	— —				— —				
Henry Burnett			— —				— —		
James Anderſon					— —		— —		
William Lamb					— —	80	— —		
Joſeph Lamb					— —		— —		
Edward White	— —				— —				
William Crabb			— —				— —	80	
Robert Wyer					— —		— —		
James Edwards									Part of Robert Wier's Houſe.
Matthew White, Junior					— —		— —		
Matthew Stevens					— —		— —		
William White					— —		— —		
Richard Ingram					— —		— —		
Francis Ranger	— —				— —				
William Piercy	— —								
Elias Pitman					— —		— —		
William Cuffe					— —	90	— —		
Mathew White					— —		— —		
William Steevens, Hag					— —		— —	90	
George Steevens, Hag					— —		— —		
John Steevens, Senior, Hag					— —		— —		
James Steevens, Hag					— —		— —		
John Steevens, Junior, Hag					— —		— —		

	Calthorpe	N°	*Beckford.*	N°	*Smith.*	N°	*Hollis.*	N°	
John Wyer					—		—		
Benjamin Cholsey, Senior					—		—		
Francis Ranger									In Mr. Cockey's Service.
William Ranger					—		—		
Thomas Steevens, Hag			—		—	100			
Francis Chiverell	—				—				
Charles Wier					—		—		
James Wier	—	30					—		
John Merchant	—						—	100	
John Dowle	—		—						
John White					—		—		
William Wyer					—		—		
James Anderſon					—		—		
John Beckett, Seevyer					—		—		
Thomas Wier					—		—		
Luke Beckett					—		—		
Roger Spender	—				—				
Edward Beckett, Maſon	—						—		
Charles Sympſon	—		—						
Robert Day	—				—	110			
Revd. *John Nairn*					—				
William Cuffe					—		—		
Robert Taylor, alias *Small*	—						—		
George Steevens	—						—	110	
Elias Steevens					—		—		
James Steevens					—		—		
Iſaac Savage					—		—		
William Burnett	—		—	20					
William Gillham	—	40			—				
William Pond	—		—						
Archibald Hunter	—				—				
Henry Savage					—		—		
James Lambert					—		—		
John Steevens, Son of *Henry*					—	120	—		
James Cuffe					—		—		
William Beckett	—		—						
Thomas Shergold	—						—		
Thomas Richardſon	—		—						
Jervoiſe Gilbert	—				—				
Thomas Shergold, Junior	—						—		
Thomas Piercy					—		—	120	
John Ranger					—		—		
Edward Piercy					—		—		
Robert Gilbert					—		—		
Thomas Lanham					—		—		
Joſeph Gilbert					—		—		
John Richardſon					—		—		
William Dukes					—	130	—		
Richard Smith	—				—				
Thomas Douglas			—				—		
Henry Lambert			—		—				

Daniel

	Calthorpe	N°	*Beckford.*	N°	*Smith.*	N°	*Hollis.*	N°	
Daniel Lambert									A Part of his Father's-h°.
William Prior, Senior	—						—		
William Prior, Junior									A Work-shop only.
James Warne					—		—	13	
Thomas Dukes					—		—		
Roger Norton					—		—		
William Bye, Senior	—	50	—						
Thomas Bye	—		—						
William Bye, Junior	—						—		
Joseph Moody					—		—		
Joseph Cuffe	—						—		
James Davis					—		—		
James Gilbert					—		—		
Thomas Phillips			—		—				
John Gane					—	140	—		
John Beckett, Butcher	—		—						
Luke Mead	—				—				
Nathaniel Phillips					—		—		
Joseph Norton	—				—				
Samuel Norton					—		—	140	
John Ranſome	—				—				
Thomas Brookes					—		—		
William Harden	—						—		
John Harden	—						—		
Thomas Harden, Taylor					—		—		
John Harden, Ditto					—		—		
Samuel Phillips					—		—		
Joseph Scammell					—	150	—		
William Sandle					—		—		
Luke Marſhman, Junior					—		—		
James Goffe					—		—	150	
Luke Marſhman, Senior					—		—		
John Marſhman					—		—		
Richard Harden, Taylor					—		—		
William Sandle, Junior					—		—		
Francis Ingram			—	30			—		
James Burleigh					—		—		
William Harden, Labourer					—		—		
Thomas Feild			—		—	160			
Samuel Field	—	60			—				
John Bowles	—						—		
JamesRichardſon	—						—		
Richard Beckett					—		—	160	
Robert Ranger					—		—		
Joſeph Beckett	—		—						
	63		32		163		161		

10th *October* 1774.

This Poll was taken by and before me,

JA: STILL, Deputy Bailiff of the Borough of *Hindon*.

A LIST of those Men who took the first Five Guineas from Mr. *Ward*, at the Houses of *George Hayward* and *William Lucas*.

Joseph Norton
Joseph Cuff
John Edwards, Labourer
William Steevens
John Maishment
John Larkham
Renalder Bowles
Joseph Cholsey, Junior
John Davis, Senior
Richard Erwood
William Cheveral
Samuel Daw
Thomas Harden, Labourer
James Edwards
Joseph Cholsey, Senior
Thomas Spencer
James Smart
John Randle
Edward Ranger
John Dewey
Luke Beckett
Philip Beckett
Henry Dukes
Edward Beckett, Seevyer
Isaac Moody
William Hacker
John Bishop
Edward Hollowday
George Spender, Junior
John Cheveral
John Dukes, Senior
John Dukes, Junior
Robert Wyer, Labourer
Moses Weeks
George Dukes
George Hayward
Edward Trewlock
Matthew Davis
Philip Beckett, Junior
Henry Jerrett
John Davis, Junior
William Day
Walter Percy
Edward Shergold
Benjamin Beckett
Edward White
John Hooper, Senior

Samuel Farthing
John Hooper, Junior
William Newton, Senior
William Newton, Junior
James Percy
Henry Huff, Senior
Henry Huff, Junior
Benjamin Cholsey, Junior
John Bell
George Spender, Senior
James Anderson, Junior
William Lambe
(*Joseph Lambe* received it, and carried it back next Day)
Edward White
Robert Wyer, Butcher
Matthew White, Junior
Matthew Steevens
William White
Richard Ingram
Francis Ranger
William Percy
Elias Pittman
William Cuff, Senior
Matthew White, Senior
William Steevens, Hagg
George Steevens, ditto
John Steevens, Senior, Hagg
James Steevens, Hagg
John Steevens, Junior, ditto
John Wyer
Benjamin Cholsey, Senior
William Ranger
Francis Cheveral
Charles Wyer
James Wyer, Labourer
John White
William Wyer
James Anderson, Senior
John Beckett, Seevyer
Thomas Wyer
Luke Beckett, Senior
Roger Spender
Robert Day
William Cuff, Junior
Elias Steevens, Clock-maker
James Steevens, ditto

William Gillham
Henry Savage
Jarvis Gilbert
Thomas Percy
John Ranger
Edward Percy
William Percy, Junior
Robert Gilbert
William Dukes
Thomas Dukes
Roger Norton
Joseph Moody
James Gilbert
John Gane
Luke Mead
Nathaniel Phillips
Joseph Norton, Cryer
Samuel Norton
John Ransome
Thomas Brooks
Samuel Phillips
Joseph Scamell
William Sandall, Senior
Luke Maishment, Junior
Luke Maishment, Senior
John Maishment, Maltster
William Sendle, Junior
James Burleigh
William Harden, Labourer
Samuel Field
John Bowles
Robert Ranger
Thomas Lanham
John Richardson
William Spender, (128)
Henry Obourne, (Q. If had it a second Time)
John Penny
Richard Pittman
William Nisbeck
James Davis
Joseph Gilbert (134—only 132)
James Gough
James Wire, (135)
John Gilbert, Breeches-maker
John Steevens, ditto, (176)

Bury,

Bury Street, St. James's, March 1ſt, 1774.

Dear Sir,

I Received your Favour, dated the 26th Inſtant, and am very much ſurpriſed that you, or any body in *Hindon*, ſhould doubt the Truth of what I formerly told you, or that I would neglect to acquaint them immediately of any Accident, or any Intention in my Friend to decline continuing in the firſt Principle in which he ſet off. You may be aſſured, and I deſire you will let the reſt of my Friends know, that he ſcorns to put another Man's Shoe on his Foot, or let another Man put his on; that he is a Man of Honour and large Property, and not a very great Diſtance from *Hindon*. If my Agents (as you call them) did not give you a ſatisfactory Anſwer, why did not Mr. *Lucas*, as I deſired, write to me? *and I requeſt it may be ſo*, that I may know the Wiſhes of the Town—for it was their Intereſt and Welfare I had at Heart, and the Motive of my interfering, and ſhall be, while with Truth and Honour I can call myſelf

Their's and your
obedient, faithful Friend,
F. Nairn.

To Mr. *Francis Meade*, Glazier,
in *Hindon*, *Wiltſhire*.

Dear Sir,

I Haveing herd nothing from you nor Mr. *Ward* ſince I left *London*, makes very uneſey, not only me but the Generalety of the Town, and thay ſeems all to be in Moſhen, for ſome Perſon of Mr. *Stevens* bringing. I thought it my Duty to acquaint you of it. If you are angrey with me conſerning what your Brother wroght to you I cannot help it; as for what I have ſeed conſerning Gernereld *Gold*, I have ſaid no more than I tould you at Mrs. *Blakes*, and that was what he tould me, and what I will aferm at any Time. If you haue ſentt any Letter at any Time, I have herd nothing of it, nor the Town to thare Sattesfaction, and I dout that will be ſomething which will not very well coreſpond with your Likeing. The whole Town[d] I will aſure you dont like the Proſeedings of your Agents, for thay dont give them no ſattesfactrey Anſwers to thoſe Queſchens as are aſt them in a ſivel Way or Meaning. I would not have you think that I wants to flatter you, neighther backbite my Neigbers. No, Sir, be that far from me, neither will I be flaterd with. It ſeems to me that Mr. *Gold* has got ſome Perſons Foot to fitt his Shoo; but if that is the Caſe, depend upon it that will not go down with the hon-

nerable Borrow of *Hindon*; for I will aſure you, Sir, that the Voters there have to much Honer to be trifeld with; ſo if that be the Caſe, we ſhall juſt do by you, or your Frind, as we did by Mr. *Becford* and his Frind, even if it is on the Morning of Voteing; for be aſured we will all ways have a Boſom Frind: but on the contrary, ſopoſeing that G^{l} G^{d} to ſtand as a Man of Honer to the firſt, you know my Meaning, then all the Adviſe that ſuch a poor Scribler as I can give you, is a meadetly to ſend or com, or never belive me more.

To Capt *Faſhem Nairn*, at Mrs. *Blakes*, N° 4, in *Bury Street, St. James's*.

Jovis,

Jovis, 2° die Februarii, 1775.

COMMITTEE proceed on *Hindon* Election.

Counsel for the Petitioners proceed.

WILLIAM PENNY, ſworn.

Am an Inhabitant of *Hindon*—a Voter—remember Mr. *Ward*'s coming down to *Hindon*—he came there ſome Time in *February* 1773—Am acquainted with the Reverend *John Nairne*, and his Brother—I remember being applied to, before *Ward* came down, by *Nairn*—Captain *Nairn* came to me about a Fortnight or Three Weeks before, and aſked me, how my Family did, and aſked me, If the little Girl ſtanding by me was my Daughter—and ſaid ſhe was a great Likeneſs of her Mother—then he left my Houſe, and went to *Lucas*'s—he ſent for me there, and I went up Stairs, and he deſired me to ſit down by him—there were in the Room with me, *John Hart*, *Thomas Howell*, *Francis Mead*, *William Lucas*, *John Becket*, the Baker, and Parſon *John Nairne*.

What paſſed?

After I ſat down by him, he told me he had got a Friend, a particular Friend, whom he would be glad to come to *Hindon*—he ſaid, His Friend would give 3000 *l.* and would not ſtand for 2 or 300 more—Nothing mentioned before the Captain mentioned the Three thouſand Pounds—I aſked my Neighbours, How they liked the Propoſal—and they all agreed to it—Then the Company aſked, How long it would be before ſome of the Money would be paid?—Can't ſay I aſked it myſelf—The Captain ſaid, he muſt go to *London* firſt—and in a Month's Time, or within, 1000 *l.* ſhould be let go—1000 *l.* more in the Fall—and 1000 *l.* a Week or a Fortnight before the Election came on.

When the Captain ſaid this, what paſſed then?

I was going away, and Captain *Nairn* aſked me to ſtay and drink—A Bottle of Shrub was brought—I ſtayed a little while—they wanted to know whoſe Health, they were to drink—the Captain ſaid, We muſt drink Captain *Gold*'s Health—then *Mead* ſaid, It ſhould not be Captain *Gold*'s Health, but General *Gold*'s—then Captain *Nairn* ſaid, He is a brave General, and has faced the Mouth of many a Cannon—After this, Captain *Nairn* told his

Brother

Brother *John* (the Clergyman) that he did not know any of the Perſons preſent but *William Penny* and *Francis Mead*, and deſired his Brother to write their Names down, which he did, and gave them to him—I then took Leave and came away.

Do you remember any Money given to the Voters, of your own Knowledge?

I was preſent at the *George*, *Lucas*'s, when Money was given, ſome Time the Beginning of *February* 1773—I went there in the Evening, about Eight o'Clock, into the Dining Room, found a great many People there who came for their Money—great Number of Voters there—knew a great many—one Mrs. *Share* (no Voter) *Thomas Howell*, *Becket*, and *Hart*, were there—the Two *Nairns* were not there.

What Number of Voters, as near as you can recollect?

Thirty or upwards—can name but few.

What paſſed about Money?

Ward produced the Money; Five Guineas each was given—Notes of Hand were ſigned—he did not ſay for what it was given, nor Nobody in the Room—I firſt came at about Seven or Eight o'Clock, and ſupped there, and ſtayed till Ten—there might be Thirty of theſe Voters took the Five Guineas—*Nairn* did not come during that Time.

Name ſome of the Thirty who took the Five Guineas?

William Newton and Son, and *Daniel Lambert*, who took for himſelf and his Father *Henry Lambert*—Can't name any Body elſe—*Ward* ſaid, He was in hopes Nobody elſe would come, for he had not Money enough left for himſelf, and the Bill was not paid at *Lucas*'s—Four joined in a Note when the Money was given—the firſt Time I heard General *Smith* was Candidate, was at *Fonthill*, from the Reverend *Charles Humphreys*---this was ſome Time in the Winter of 1773, to the beſt of my Knowledge, and about a Year and an Half before the Election.

Do you remember any more Money given, at any other Time, to any of the Voters?

I was not preſent at any other Time when Money was given—I remember being ſent for by Parſon *Nairn* to *Becket*'s, at the *Swan*, about a Fortnight before *Eaſter*, 1774—I went there in at the back Way—at firſt I found Nobody but Parſon *Nairn* in the Room—preſently *John Becket*, the Landlord, and *John Mead* came in—The Parſon aſked me what News about the Town—I told him of one *Jobber Stevens*, at *Saliſbury*, talked of bringing a Friend with more Money.

What then?

I aſked *Nairn* whether his Friend was in *London* or in the Country? he ſaid, He did not know—then I ſaid to the Parſon, Write a

Letter

Letter to him by the Poſt, it would be there in a Day; if not, take a Horſe and go to him—He aſked me then how I knew who it was—I told him Mr. *Humphreys* told me it was General *Smith*—he lived at *Chilton-Lodge*—then he got out of his Seat, and walked away in a ſneering Way, and ſaid it was not General *Smith*.

What mean by ſneering Way?

To put me out of it. I told him, if it was not General *Smith*, *Humphreys* told me a Lie—Parſon *Nairn*, ſaid he would bring ſome more Money as ſoon as poſſible, in about a Fortnight—this was at *Becket's*, at the *Swan*. Parſon *Nairn* ſaid it ſhould be brought—not bring it himſelf—he ſaid nothing about the Diſtribution—*Mead* and *Becket* ſaid, that was the only Way—thoſe who had Five Guineas to have Five more—and thoſe who had none to have Ten—this was in the Preſence of the Parſon—There was ſome more Money let go to the Voters about a Fortnight after—my Son had ſome—live next Door to the *George*—ſaw the Voters come in and out of the *George*, and came and told me they had the Money—I was only told ſo by other People—I never received any myſelf—know nothing of General *Smith*'s coming—never ſpoke to General *Smith* till the Election—Captain *Nairn* told me it was General *Smith* when I ſaw him—Can't tell how long it was before the Election—it might be Six or Eight Weeks before—Saw him at his own Houſe—Have ſeen Mr. *Hollis*, about Two Months before the Election, at my Houſe—No Converſation with *Hollis*—He came to my Houſe to canvaſs—I keep the *Queen's-Head*—He ſaid nothing to me *Jobber Stevens* came with him, and he told me it was *Hollis*—and that he came to canvaſs for him—Don't know that any of *Hollis*'s Friends were there.

(Croſs-examined.) I voted for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*—the Election was the 10th of *October* 1774.

How many Winters before that was it that *Humphreys*, at *Fonthill*, told you about General *Smith*'s being a Candidate?

Two Winters—the Winter of 1772 and 1773—after *Chriſtmas*—Nothing that I have given Account of paſſed between that and the Time I was at the Malthouſe in the intermediate Time—ſome Time in *November*, 1773—don't know who was Door-Keeper—know *Benjamin Cholſey*, the younger—He came after me—I gave no Note of Hand to any Body at that Time---I ſaw a great many ſigned Papers—there might be Forty or Fifty—*Francis Mead* I ſaw ſign a Paper—there were ſeveral Papers—about the Size of a Quarter of a Sheet—can read—never read any of theſe Papers—*Mead* was a Witneſs—did not ſign a Paper for himſelf—He adminiſtered all the Papers brought before him—*Mead* ſigned ſeveral of thoſe Papers—he ſigned them as a Witneſs.

Why do you ſuppoſe they were Notes of Hand?

Notes for Ten Guineas—Two in a Note—Five Guineas each.

How do you know all this?

Mr. *William Bye* took back the Notes—and the People who ſigned the Notes went into another Room, Two at a Time—Was not in the Room—Can't ſay any Thing about putting the Note through the Hole of the Wall—*William Harding*, *William Becket*, *Luke Tyley*, *Francis Mead*, *William Burnet*, and *John Dowle*, were there—At this Time my Vote was diſengaged—I had promiſed Nobody—it was unknown to all Parties then preſent who I ſhould vote for—*William Becket* ſent *Cholſey* for me, to walk up, if I could, or he would lead me.

What to go there for?

To keep them Company, and to ſee who came in and out, and who had Notes—When I came, nothing was ſaid to me in particular—I underſtood each Man was to have Five Guineas, and give a Note—This was the Buſineſs underſtood to be tranſacted that Day.

Why to have Five Guineas and ſign a Note?

For *Calthorpe* or his Friend, if he thought proper—I underſtood it to vote for *Calthorpe*—I believe it was for that—it was a general Talk throughout the Town—no Mention of *Calthorpe*'s Name at that Time—I don't know they received Money—they were to go into another Room, and ſomebody would do ſomething for them—I heard this ſaid to the People at the Malt-houſe, at the Time of the ſigning the Notes—*William Bye*, *Mead*, and the other Perſons mentioned before, were preſent—*Bye* received the Notes after they ſigned, and then bid them go into another Room, and would do ſomething for them—I was one of the Company—don't know who wrote the Notes—they were drawn before I came among them—I remember *Huff*'s coming there—*Huff* and Son ſigned one of the Notes—he was one who was to go into the other Room.

When did you firſt engage for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*?

A Quarter of a Year before the Election came on—I do not ſuppoſe *Calthorpe* knew any thing of the Money being given—I fancy it was *William Bye*'s own Money—I contributed none of the Money—*Calthorpe* told me he knew nothing of it—am certain he knew nothing of it, becauſe Mr. *Still* told me ſo—Had no particular Converſation with *Huff*, Senior, about *Beckford*—I never told *Huff* that thoſe who voted for *Beckford* ſhould have Twenty-five Pounds a Man the Day before the Election—never ſolicited or deſired *Huff* or any body elſe to vote for *Beckford*, that I know of—I went round the Town with *Beckford*'s Brother about Seven or Eight Weeks before the Election—went to every Houſe in the Borough with him—a good many with him beſides myſelf—I heard ſomething of 4,000 Guineas being depoſited in the Hands of Mr. *Penruddock*—*Thomas Wier* told me, Colonel *Penruddock* ſaid, he had

had 4,000 Guineas in his Hands—I never aſked him what for—I don't recollect I mentioned to *Huff*, Senior, about the 4,000 Guineas---don't remember I mentioned it to any Voter—I might mention it, but don't remember—I never promiſed to give Twenty-five Guineas to any Voter on Mr. *Beckford*'s Account—Mr. *Beckford* never promiſed or proffered any thing—I never received any ſuch Orders from him—I never told any of the Voters they would have Twenty-five Guineas from *Beckford*—never ſaw Mr. *Beckford*, the Petitioner, with his own Hand give any Money to any Voter—Mr. *Richard Beckford* was not in my Houſe the Morning of the Election—*Nathaniel Beckford* was there—can't ſay *Francis Mead* was with *Beckford*—*Edward Mead* was there—can't ſay *Francis Ingram*, *Andrew Farret*, *William Crabb*, or *John Boulton* were there —*John Philips* was there—no Money was then given to any of the Voters, that I know of—never heard of any Money being given—nor none promiſed—Never ſaw *Beckford* the Petitioner in *London* before the Election—about *April* laſt—never ſaw him in *London* in my Life before now—The firſt Entertainments at my Houſe for Voters was at Election-time—what was eat on *Beckford*'s Account was paid by the Voters themſeves—no Treats before the Election at my Houſe—don't remember calling a little Time before the Election on *John Ranger*—never deſired him to go with me to Doctor *Wake*'s—I was there, with *Francis Ranger*, about a Month or Five or Six Weeks before the Election, or hardly ſo much—*Luke Tyley* was there---don't remember *Luke Tyley*'s taking off *Ranger*'s Hat ---don't remember ſeeing a Silver-laced Hat on his Head---*Francis Mead* was there---don't remember any body ſay to *Ranger*, he ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas after the Election if he would vote for *Beckford*---never ſaw *Ranger* with *Beckford* at my Houſe---don't remember---never heard *Beckford* tell *Ranger*, if he would vote for him he ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas---no Converſation with *Ranger* ſince the Election---never applied to *Ranger* to be Witneſs for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*---never ſpoke to him ſince the Election.

When *Mead* ſigned the Notes he ſat in a little Room by the Malt-houſe---no Treat at my Houſe, at the Expence of *Beckford* or *Calthorpe*.

(Court.) The People, after they went into the little Room, did not come back through the ſame Door—*John Hart*, *John Becket*, &c. were to fulfil the Agreement of General *Smith* and *Hollis*—*Francis Mead* was with me at *Humphreys*'s—never there but once.

Withdrew.

FRANCIS MEAD ſworn:

Who confirmed the Agreement, in Behalf of the Voters relating to the £. 3000?

I had

I had no Authority from the Electors then preſent to make ſuch a Bargain—I went with *Hart* to *Sherborn Lane*, to Mr. *Brown*—Mr. *Hart* was to inſiſt on Guineas inſtead of Pounds—It was Mr. *Hart* ſaid ſo; I was not deputed by any Body to make that Propoſal—it was Mr. *Hart* made the Propoſal—the Piece of Roguery I alluded to was their not having kept their Word.

Withdrew.

DANIEL LAMBERT ſworn:

Am an Apothecary, at *Hindon*, under my Father—was ſent with a Medicine to a Gentleman at the *George* Inn—13th *February* 1773, to Mr. *Ward*—Mr. *Ward* aſked me if I was a Voter or no—I ſaid I hoped I was—I was rejected at the Election—He aſked me if I would receive the Favour that was there, or not—accordingly I ſaid I would receive it—upon that he gave me a Paper that contained Five Guineas in it—it was reported it was General *Gold*'s Favour—Mr. *Ward* termed it General *Gold*'s Favour—I took more than Five Guineas—Some People aſked if I would take it for my Father—I ſaid I did not chuſe it, becauſe my Father was ill—afterwards I did take it—*Ward* heſitated, and ſaid there was nothing like the Time preſent—I had Five Guineas for my Father, and carried it home—I did not give it to him, becauſe he was angry that I took it, and he would not take it—there was a Note, Two People ſigned it beſides myſelf—*John Beckett* and *William Bennett*—I ſigned for my Father—the Note was for Twenty Guineas—Note was payable to *Ward*—on *Eaſter Eve* 1774—more Money was given on the ſame Account—Was preſent at the Houſe of *William Lucas*—the *George*—I received Five Guineas for myſelf—and had Five Guineas for my Father—never ſaw any other Money given on *Eaſter* Eve—I was the laſt who received it—many People received it before—they all went up Stairs, but can't ſay what was done.

How many received it at the former Time?

Only the Four I mentioned—General *Smith* afterwards appeared to be the Candidate who was mentioned to be General *Gold*—General *Smith* firſt appeared 27th *Auguſt* 1774—at *Hindon*—The Voters were billeted at different Houſes in the Town—it was the general Practice—Voters were entertained at theſe Public Houſes—they gave them a Treat of Three Shillings—they were honourable Gentlemen—it was underſtood to be on General *Smith*'s Account—*Thomas Spencer* and *Thomas Howell* looked after it—I ſaw General *Smith* at the *Croſs* at *Hindon*, when he came to canvaſs, 27th *Auguſt*—Complaint then among the Voters becauſe Parſon *Nairne* had not made the Town eaſy—the Voters hallooed out ſo—there were great many People aſſembled there—one *Reuben Barnett* ſaid, "One and all, or none at all"—General *Smith* looked round upon Parſon *Nairne*,

Nairne, and ſaid it ſhould be one and all—This I heard General *Smith* ſay—this did not ſatisfy—I was billetted at the *Red Lion*—I went to the *White Hart*, kept by *James Cuff*—General *Smith* came there—this was the ſame Day, after he was at the *Croſs*—*Thomas Richardſon* was at *Cuff*'s---General *Smith* aſked him for his Vote at the Election---*Richardſon* was nominated Speaker for them ---he ſaid to the General, if your Friend *Nairne* had ſtood to his Bargain at *Eaſter*, you would have no Occaſion to canvaſs the Town at preſent.

Did he ſay in what Reſpect he had not kept his Word?

No---General *Smith* ſaid, he did not know but what the Town was eaſy at *Eaſter*---Parſon *Nairne* put his Hat in his Face while he was ſpeaking---Captain *Nairne* upon that took hold of General *Smith*'s Arm, and led him out of the Room.

What happened on the 8th of *October* 1774, on the *Saturday* Night before the Election?

There was a Cry in the Street, "One and all, or elſe no *Smith*" ---after this I ſaw ſomebody dreſſed in Diſguiſe, as he paſſed by my Door---It was a Woman's Apparel---a very extraordinary Figure---he had Boots on---but could not take particular Notice of him, as he paſſed by my Houſe when it was dark---*Thomas Spencer* and *John Stevens* (hag), and Eight or Ten People beſides, were with her---was not preſent at the Houſe where the Figure was---knows *Jobber Stevens*, a Townſman of *Hindon*, who ſaid he had got a Friend to bring to the Town, if the Town was agreeable---it was ſome Time before the Election---I remember, when *Hollis* came, *Jobber Stevens* was with him---I believe *Huff* billetted them---*Huff* canvaſſed with him---*Huff* appeared as Agent to *Hollis*---it was reported ſo---*Hollis* and *Stevens* came to the Voters at the *Red Lion*---they aſked for their Votes---Ten or Fourteen were there---the Voters ſaid, they had no Objection, if he would come in Time---Mr. *Hollis* anſwered, he would be as good as any Man---Some of the Voters then ſaid, It muſt be in Time, and that he muſt be as good as any other Man---Some ſaid, It muſt be down, down---and ſome ſaid, It muſt be down, Derby down---Mr. *Hollis* ſaid, Gentlemen, your Time is my Time---ſomebody anſwered and ſaid, It muſt be once within a Week---Mr. *Hollis* made no Anſwer to that---General *Smith* and *Hollis* were Strangers to the Borough---I never heard of them before---I never heard of *Hollis* before he was brought to the Town---don't remember General *Smith* had any Intereſt, but under the Name of General *Gold*---heard of him, before *Eaſter*, as General *Smith*---was informed of it at *Fonthill* by the Reverend Mr. *Humphreys*, not long before *Eaſter*.

What then was their Intereſt at *Hindon*?

None but by Favours when the Money was given—I heard ſo.

Know of a Letter my Father received of Mrs. *Beckford*—don't know what paſſed between Mrs. *Beckford* and my Father, about ſoliciting his Vote—have reaſon to think Mrs. *Beckford* ſolicited for General *Smith*—General *Smith* was at *Fonthill Gifford*, ſome Time before the Election—I have wrote a Letter to General *Smith* ſince the Election.

What paſſed between you and your Father, when he was angry with you for receiving the Five Guineas?

He told me to carry it back again—General *Smith* ſent no Anſwer to that Letter—have received no Money from General *Smith* ſince the Election—I ſaw *Smith* at the *Croſs*, when he ſaid, One and all—Six or Seven Score People—I was as far as from here to the Window to him—Voters cried out, One and all; and he anſwered—"One and all"—that is all I heard—he ſaid ſomething before—but I was not there at firſt—General *Smith* addreſſed himſelf to all that were there—I did not hear him ſay, That he wiſhed to obtain them without Diſtinction—I told my Father, that I had ſigned a Note in his Name—my Father never took it after—but voted for *Smith* without the Five Guineas—I took the laſt Five Guineas—becauſe they offered it me—my Father knew I took the Second Five Guineas for him—I put it along with the other Ten—my Father never received the Firſt or Second Ten Guineas, before or ſince the Election.

The Meetings at the *Red Lyon* (kept by *William Becket*) were the 27th and 29th of *Auguſt*—the 29th was the Firſt Time Mr. *Hollis* was in the Borough—General *Smith* was there the 27th—don't know who *Becket* was Agent for at the Election—don't know that he canvaſſed for any Body.

Who were preſent on the 29th?

One *William Prior*, Junior—and *James Gilbert*—recollect no one elſe—did not ſee Mr. *William Becket*, *Tyley*, or *Penny*, there.

Francis Mead, I believe, was Agent for *Beckford*—it was generally known in the Town—ſomebody in the Town, ſaid, It ſhould be once in a Week—Nobody anſwered.

Withdrew.

THOMAS RICHARDSON, ſworn.

Live at *Hindon*—am a Voter—remember General *Smith*'s coming down to *Hindon*—can't ſay how long before the Election.—He went to the *George*—I live oppoſite to it, remember ſpeaking to General *Smith*—he came to me—I was at the *White Hart*—Captain *Nairn* and the Parſon came with him—and People of the Town were with him—when he came to me, *Douglas*, an Officer of Exciſe, and *Daniel Lambert*, were with me—He came to aſk for our Votes and Intereſt—I ſaid to the General, If his Friend

Mr.

Mr. *Nairn* had done what he ought, the General would have had no Occaſion to come canvaſſing the Town this Day—Then Parſon *Nairn* put his Hat before my Mouth, and ſaid, "Huſh, we muſt have no more of that"—then there was huſtling General *Smith* away—Captain *Nairn* laid hold of one Arm, and I took the General by the other, and ſaid, Hear what I have to ſay—Another Voter took Captain *Nairn* by the Arm, and they were too ſtrong for me, and pulled General *Smith* away—ſaw no more of him at that Time—a few Days before the Election, I ſaw him again—Parſon *Nairn* was with him at that Time, at my own Shop—the General deſired my Vote and Intereſt—I told him, I could not vote for him—then it was too late—if your Friend *Nairn* had done what he promiſed to do the *Eaſter* before, he need not have come to Town before the Day of Election in the Morning—Then Parſon *Nairn* ſaid, What did I promiſe?—I ſaid, That every Man who had had Five Guineas before, at *Eaſter Eve*, was to have it made up Ten—and thoſe who had none before, were to have Ten—General *Smith* was not preſent in the Shop at that Time—he drew back at that Time—he was within Hearing—I ſtood within the Door—he ſtood juſt without.

What paſſed then?

I ſaid, The Time was come, that we who had none were to have Ten—Then *Francis Mead* ſaid, we muſt ſtay till *Eaſter Monday* Night, then it would be made up Ten—I meant to ſay, what *Mead* ſaid laſt *Eaſter*.—I told the General I would not vote for him—Another Man whiſpered in General *Smith*'s Ear—then he returned, and ſaid, Mrs. *Beckford* had deſired her Tradeſmen to ſupport his Intereſt—I believe it was about a Week before the Election—This was the Firſt Time I heard that Mrs. *Beckford*'s Intereſt was in Behalf of General *Smith*—I anſwered, Madam *Beckford* was a worthy Gentlewoman, and I would be glad to ſerve her in any Shape—but I had promiſed Mr. *Richard Beckford*, and by him I would ſtand—nothing more paſſed in my Shop—I have lived at *Hindon* Forty Years—never heard of *Hollis*, before he came with *Jobber Stevens*, at *Hindon*—never heard of General *Smith*, before his Friends introduced him—I believe, it was Bribery which induced People to vote for *Smith*.

(Croſs-examined.) What was your Reaſon for voting for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*?

When *Beckford* and *Calthorpe* firſt came to the Town—I went with *Beckford*'s Brother to every Houſe in the Town—can't ſay when—about Half a Year before the Election—I had promiſed my Vote to Nobody at that Time—within Ten of the whole Town promiſed *Beckford*—ſome that promiſed, ſaid, With a Proviſo, you come in Time—Mr. *Beckford* aſked, What was meant

by that—I ſaid, You may gueſs—Mr. *Nathaniel Beckford* ſaid, I could promiſe no ſuch Thing—nor will I—When I ſaid, It was too late, was when they came the other Time to my Shop—I did not ſay, what engaged me to *Beckford*—I told him the Reaſon I promiſed was, becauſe he was an Acquaintance of mine—If *Nairn* had been as good as his Word to me, he would be ſo to every Body elſe—did not engage to *Beckford* till a Month before the Election—I promiſed my Vote to *Beckford*, as ſoon as he came into the Town—Mrs. *Beckford* is of great Influence in this Town—I am her Tradeſman—did not know that Mrs. *Beckford* was in a contrary Intereſt, when I promiſed *Beckford*—Mr. *Beckford* has Intereſt in the Town, from his late Father's Influence—No Perſon deſired me to ſpeak for the reſt—I did it of my own ſelf—*Richard Beckford*, the Petitioner, is Son of the late Alderman *Beckford*—he lives very much at *Fonthill*, except when at *London* at School—and has been known Twenty Years—a great many Years before Mrs. *Beckford*.

Withdrew.

THOMAS DOUGLAS, ſworn,

Am an Officer in the Exciſe—lived almoſt Eight Years at *Hindon*—remember General *Smith*'s coming to the Town of *Hindon*—never remember ſeeing him till about Two Months before the Election—he went to the *Croſs* firſt—a Crowd aſſembled about him—about 100—moſtly Voters—General *Smith* addreſſed the Voters about him—don't remember what he ſaid—*Reuben Burnett* ſaid to General *Smith* "One and all, or none at all"—This was almoſt at the End of the General's Speech—He anſwered, It ſhould be One and all—Remember being at the *White Hart, (Cuff's)* when General *Smith* was there—about Three Hours after, in the ſame Day, he aſked the Voters for their Votes and Intereſts—*Thomas Richardſon* was preſent at that Time—*Richardſon* ſaid, If *Nairn* had been as good as his Word, General *Smith* need not have aſked them—theſe were the Purport of the Words, as far as I can recollect—Parſon *Nairn* was there; he put his Hat before *Richardſon*'s Face—General *Smith* then went out with a Crowd—I dont know why he went away then—have known *Jobber Stevens* Eight Years—Remember *Hollis*'s coming to *Hindon*, about a Month or two before the Election—He came with *Jobber Stevens*, and Three other Perſons, whom I don't know—I ſaw Mr. *Hollis* in *Hindon*, afterwards—no Converſation with him or with *Stevens*—Was at the *White Hart* with *Richardſon* and many more, about Twenty Voters—We were invited there to a Treat, by Mr. *Hollis*'s Agents—*Cuff* came himſelf to invite us—I never heard any Money mentioned there—never heard any particular Cry of the Voters.

I was

(Croſs-examined.) I was very near General *Smith* at the *Croſs*, as near as I am to you---General *Smith* went out of the *White Hart* with the Crowd—I ſaw him go out—not dragged out—know *William Harden*, *William Bye*, *William Beckett*, *Luke Tyley*, *Francis Mead*, *William Burnett*, *William Penny*, and *Dowle*—don't know any of them being Agents to any Body—know nothing of the Malthouſe—none aſked me for my Vote—I voted for *Beckford* and *Hollis*.

Withdrew.

REUBEN BURNETT, ſworn.

Lives at *Hindon*—am a Voter—remember General *Smith* coming to *Hindon*—Captain *Nairn* and the Parſon were with him—When they came, they went to the *Croſs*—I ſaw them there—When they got out of their Carriage, the General ſaid he came to offer himſelf as a Candidate for the Borough, and hoped all Friends would be agreeable—Three or Four Score Voters were preſent—I ſaid, "One and all, or none at all;" and all the Folks round joined me; then the General anſwered and ſaid, it ſhould be One and all—I was at the *Swan* when *Hollis* and *Jobber Stevens* were there—a Number of People were billetted at the *Swan*—Sixteen or Eighteen—*Stevens* ſaid, he had brought a Gentleman to repreſent this Borough, and hoped all Friends would be for him—Mr. *Mead* ſaid, Has the Gentleman nothing to ſay for himſelf? upon which Jobber *Stevens* ſaid, Yes, he had—Mr. *Hollis* then ſaid, he came to offer himſelf a Candidate for the Borough, and hoped all Friends would be for him—We ſaid, we had no Objection to the Gentleman, with a Proviſo—*Edward Percy*, a Voter, ſtanding behind, cried, "Down and down" *Stevens* ſaid, that would not be wanting—Mr. *Hollis* was by all the while.—This Cry was all together, as it were.

(Croſs-examined.) This, I believe, was the 29th of *Auguſt*; not certain—*John Becket*, *Mead*, *Bye*, and *William Burnett*, were there—don't recollect any more—No Quarrel during the Time—*Percy* was ordered out of the Houſe by *Becket*, when he cried "Down and down"—No Quarrel then—Know *Becket* at the *Swan*; he voted for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*—Don't know he or any body elſe was active for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*—I was at the Door of the Malthouſe one Night, about a Twelvemonth before the Election—*James Wier* was, I believe, Door-keeper—I was at the Door an Hour or Two—Don't know who went in and out—Saw People go in, but could not tell who they were—The Reaſon I ſtood at the Door was, I thought ſomething was giving away—I thought I might have ſome as well as my Neighbours—Never ſaw any Body get Money there; only by Report.

I—Never heard any of my Neighbours ſay they had received Money at the Malthouſe—No Converſation with them about it—Converſed with them the next Day; but not about the Malt-houſe—I was

employed by Nobody to ſtay at the Door—went of my own Accord—Can't name any Body in particular that went into the Door of the Malt-houſe—I can't ſay *Becket* was there, nor *Tyley*—*Bye* was there—I believe *Penny* was there—don't know *Mead* was there—did not ſee *Bye* next Day—*Bye* rents the principal Part of the Malthouſe—Rents it of Mr. *Calthorpe*—I voted for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*.

Withdrew.

Adjourned till To-morrow.

Veneris,

Veneris, 3° die Februarii, 1775.

COMMITTEE on *Hindon* Election proceed.

REUBEN BURNETT, ſworn.

(Court.) When I ſaid to General *Smith*, " One and all, or " none at all"---the Reaſon was, there were ſome who had received Five, and ſome Ten Guineas---I meant that the Whole ſhould be One and all, and not vote for *Smith*, unleſs all received alike---I ſpoke for myſelf when I ſaid One and all---The Voters in general cried " One and all."

Withdrew.

CHARLES SIMPSON, ſworn.

Have lived at *Hindon* Forty Years or upwards---am a Voter---have voted there Thirty-four Years---Upon Occaſion of laſt Election I received Five Guineas, at the Houſe of *George Haward* (private Houſe) in the Month of *February*, 1773---I went there, becauſe there was a Report about the Town, that there was an Office opened for receiving Five Guineas --- went there ſome Time in the Evening---by Candle-light---a great many People then ſtood at the Door---let in One at a Time---they were Voters---when I went in, I went up Stairs, and was admitted by *John Hart*---the Room was againſt the Street---there was an aged Man ſitting (called *Ward*) at the Table---they called me Captain *Ward* (by Nickname)---there were *Francis Mead*, *Thomas Howell*, *John Becket* (Baker) and *Joſeph Moody* in the Room where *Ward* was---I ſtood there about five Minutes in that Room---I was to put my Hand to a Paper---which I did ---then *Ward* took out of a Box a Paper ſcrewed up---he gave me that Paper---when I went Home I opened it, and found Five golden Guineas---to the beſt of my Knowledge, *Moody* joined in the Note with me---but I did not ſee him receive the Money---*Moody* ſigned the Paper after me---ſaw Nobody take it but myſelf---I received the Money, it was generally underſtood in the Town for General *Gold*---On *Eaſter Monday*, 1774, I received

received more Money for General *Gold*---at the *George (William Lucas*'s)---there was a Saying, that the Office was open again, which was the Reaſon. I went there---I went into a Room in a Houſe adjoining to *Lucas*'s (at the Back Part of it)---I found *John Becket*, the Baker, and *Thomas Spencer*, Carpenter, there---ſitting at the Table---they bid me come and ſet my Hand to a Paper ---afterwards I was told to turn about, and hold up my Hand ---ſomething was put in it---it came out of the Hole in the Door---they directed me to the Hole---it was in a Paper---when I came Home I opened it, and found Five Guineas in it ---I underſtood it was for General *Gold*---and was for voting---I thought I never ſhould have had it, unleſs it was for voting---I did not know who General *Gold* was---ſaw Nobody elſe take Money---did not return back again to *Lucas*'s---Remember General *Smith*'s coming to *Hindon*, 27 *Auguſt*---I think it was on a *Saturday* ---ſaw him come attended by Parſon *John Nairn* and Captain *Nairn*---they went up to the *Croſs*---I followed them there---a Crowd of People were there---Voters---General *Smith* ſaid, he was come to offer himſelf a Candidate, a Member for the Borough, at next General Election---a Set of the People cried, "One and all"---ſome cried, "One and all, or none at all"---He did not underſtand the Cry at firſt---he ſpoke to *Nairn*, and turned about and ſaid, It is my Deſire it ſhould be one and all ---I heard him ſay that---I was billetted at the Sign of the *Lamb* ---I mean by billetted, Three Shillings a Man was given to drink---This was the Day the General came to the Town---General *Smith* came to me, where I was---only billetted there at Three Shillings a Man for that One Day---never billetted after---about Eighteen or Nineteen, all Voters, were at the *Lamb*---but the Town all round were billetted---there were Papers on the Table, directing what particular Perſons ſhould go to particular Houſes---Never heard of General *Smith*'s coming before---could not tell who General *Gold* was, till he came---but by and by ſomebody ſaid, "This General *Gold* was the General who lived at *Chilton Lodge*."---Have ſeen *Hollis*---firſt ſaw him the *Monday* following, being the 29th *Auguſt*---*Jobber Stevens* came with him---they went to the *George*---they went to the *Croſs* firſt---a Croud of Voters and others were round the *Croſs* at that Time---can't tell what paſſed---Mr. *Hollis*'s Speech was very low ---*Stevens* ſpoke for him---and then a Cry of "One and all" was heard---did not hear what *Hollis* ſaid to it---I heard *Hollis* ſay, he was recommended by *Stevens*---*Jobber Stevens* ſaid, "it ſhould be One and all"---*Hollis* was by---I know the Malthouſe, and a Houſe adjoining to it---was there when Notes were ſigning---at the Houſe adjoining to the Malthouſe---I ſigned one---don't know who witneſſed it---

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don't know what it was done for---I ſigned it for Money---know the Hole above the Door of the Malthouſe---I put my Hand at the Hole, and found a Paper drop into it---as it did before---did not look at it till I got home---when I found it was Five Guineas---don't know who ſuggeſted the Scheme---when I ſigned the Note, *William Bye*, *William Becket*, and *William Harden*, were there---the Hole of the Door was in another Room—when I ſigned the Note, I went into another Room—there was a general Oration in the Town, that there was Five Guineas for any Voteſman who would come to ſuch Place---Nobody told me where to go---I ſaw ſomebody before put their Hand to the Door---went in at one Door and out at another---there was no Candle in the Room, where we put our Hands to the Door---there was a Light in the Room where I put my Hand to the Notes---don't remember *Francis Mead* was there, or *William Penny*, when I ſigned the Note---ſome of the People who received the Notes voted for one, and ſome for another---never was mentioned for whom ---no Name mentioned at all---when this News was brought, that Money was to be had at the Malthouſe---no Mention was made who we were to vote for for the Money---Mr. *Bye* ſaid he hoped I would give *Calthorpe* my Vote---not at the Time of ſigning the Notes---ſome Time after---He never mentioned the Five Guineas at all---I thought I ſhould not have had it but for voting---but did not know who it was given to vote for---*Bye* was a Friend to *Calthorpe*---don't know he ſolicited for him---I heard *Bye* aſk of a great many People---he is a Carpenter and Joiner---he and *Becket* were principal Friends to *Calthorpe*---they earned a great deal of Money under Mr. *Calthorpe*, and were active Friends for him---I was preſent when *Richard Beckford* canvaſſed the Town---he never offered ſo much as a Drop of Liquor---nor Money---I voted for *Calthorpe*, and *Beckford*---Mr. *Calthorpe* was never at *Hindon* at the Time---they were not his Friends, otherways than his Tradeſmen ---no otherways employed by *Calthorpe*---only by their own free Will and Deſire.

(Court.) When I ſigned the Note at the Malthouſe---Nobody ſigned with me---I ſigned by myſelf---never heard the Five Guineas at the Malthouſe was given, but for voting for *Bye*'s Friend---I underſtood that the Two Five Guineas I received was to vote for General *Gold*---I uſed the Ten Guineas I received, on General *Gold*'s Account, for the Uſe of my Family.

Withdrew.

JOHN BALDWIN, ſworn.

Live at *Hindon*---am a Voter---remember no Money given till *Eaſter Monday*, in General *Gold*'s Name---when I went to the

George, at the Back Houſe, to receive Ten Guineas---it was ſome Time in the Evening---There were preſent *John Backet*, Baker, *Thomas Spencer*, and *Thomas Howell*---it was reported they were Agents for General *Gold*.

What did they do to you, and what did they give you?

I received Five Guineas---had it through the Hole of the Door---don't know who gave it me---we thought to have had more---but could not get it, and was told, if we would not have that we ſhould have nothing---*Spencer* ſaid, that---Three beſides me took it---it occaſioned no Words---we ſigned a Paper---I don't know what it was.

Myſelf, *Jeremiah Lucas*, *Edward Becket*, and *Robert Tyley*, ſigned it. —It was reported by the Voters, that it was for General *Gold*'s Five Guineas—it was afterwards reported to be General *Smith*—when he came to *Hindon*, he was underſtood to be the ſame Perſon, as General *Gold*—The Voters were billeted at Public Houſes—I was billetted at the *Roſe and Crown*—every Man that was with me had Three Shillings worth of Liquor—other People were billetted all round the Town—ſo many in a Houſe—Eighteen or Twenty where I was—it was only for One Day—my Neighbours told me to go there—I we had the Three Shillings in Liquor—It was on a *Saturday* that it was at the *Roſe and Crown*—the ſame Day General *Smith* came—the Parſon and Captain *Nairn* accompanied him—a great many followed him about—there was a Cry among the Voters—"One and "all"—Upon that Cry, General *Smith* ſaid, "It ſhould be "One and all"—General *Smith* ſaid nothing more—nothing about what he would do for his Friends—I remember *Hollis*'s coming to the Town, accompanied by *Jobber Stevens*—was at the *Roſe and Crown* then—*Hollis* made a Speech at the *Croſs*, which I could not hear—*Stevens* ſaid, every Man where they were billetted on *Saturday* before, ſhould go to the ſame Houſe, and have the ſame Allowance—*Stevens* gave this Order upon the *Croſs*—*Hollis* was preſent —*Hollis* did not contradict it—we accordingly all went, and had the ſame Allowance as on *Saturday* before—Mr. *Hollis* came to the *Roſe and Crown* the ſame Day—after the Speech at the *Croſs* I was—He ſaid he was come to Canvaſs the Town, and hoped he ſhould find Friends in the Town—They cried, "One "and all, or none at all;" and he ſaid, he would not have any of his Friends left out—they ſaid, if he would play up, there would be no fear of his Election—I did not hear *Hollis*'s Anſwer to that—There was one *Joſeph Lambe* preſent—one of the Voters—who told Mr. *Hollis*, the ſooner they had the Doſe, the eaſier it would be —Either Mr. *Hollis* or *Jobber Stevens* (I cannot tell which) turned about and ſaid—there was no Doubt of it—theſe laſt Words were immediately ſaid, after *Lamb's* ſaying, the eaſier the Doſe would be the ſooner they had it.—Mr. *Hollis* ſaid nothing more, but went

out

out directly—nothing more was ſaid about One and all—it was the general Senſe of all the Voters—Remember, on the *Saturday* after this (being *September* the Third) I was at the *White Horſe* (one *William Harding*, Landlord.)

What paſſed then?

One *Benjamin Chelſey*, Senior, *Henry Huff*, *Jacob Stevens*, and a Man I did not know, who drew the Notes, as reported to be Agents to *Hollis*—were in the outer Room of the Houſe---I received the Favour of the Value of Fifteen Guineas there, through the Hole of a Door.

How did you receive it?

I ſigned a Paper---did not know it was a Note, and put it into the Hole, and a Hand came out of the ſame Hole, and gave me the Money---ſome others received it beſides myſelf---*Iſaac Davis*, *William Brookes*, *John Stevens*, and myſelf, ſigned the Note---I took mine and returned back---did not ſee them take theirs---don't know who they voted for---I voted for *Hollis* and *Calthorpe*, and don't know the Perſon who drew the Paper---the Money was wrapped up in a Paper---Mr. *Smith* aſked me for my Vote---a few Days before the Election---and I ſaid---One and all---He put his Hand to my Shoulder, and patted it—and I ſaid I would be for One and All, or none at all—Mr. *Nairn* afterwards (when *Smith* was gone) aſked me, if I would not be his Friend---he ſaid, I had been, before now, his Friend---he aſked me what Objection I had to *Smith*—I ſaid I did not know that I had any Objection to *Smith*—He then aſked if I had not had ſome Favour of Mr. *Smith*—I ſaid, I did not know—He ſaid I had—I did not know what it meant—unleſs it meant what I received at *Eaſter*—nothing more paſſed.

(*Croſs-examined.*) When One and all was cried out, it was at the *Croſs*, and at the *Roſe and Crown*—he ſaid it ſhould be "One and all," at the *Roſe and Crown*—I don't know who was preſent—don't recollect the Time of the Day—one *Francis Ranger* was there—This was at the Time General *Smith* canvaſſed the Town—The Two *Nairns*, *Thomas Spencer*, and *John Becket*, were with him—I don't remember *Lucas* was there—General *Smith* was in Company with them—Some People at the *Roſe and Crown* ſaid theſe Words, "One and all"—when repeated to him at the *Roſe and Crown*, "One and all," he ſaid it ſhould be ſo—It was repeated to him by the Voters—When he applied to me for my Vote, I ſaid, One and all—Don't remember he anſwered—"One and all." He ſaid, "That's well"—This was at my own Houſe—*Nairn* ſaid, I had had a ſmall Favour from General *Smith*.

The Note I ſigned at the *White Horſe*—don't know who witneſſed it.

(*Court.*)

(*Count.*) What did you mean by "One and all," when you ſaid it to General *Smith*?

I meant all was to be made eaſy and quiet—Some had received Twenty, ſome Thirty, and ſome Fifteen, and ſome none at all—The Town never was made eaſy firſt or laſt—ſeveral in the Town had not as much as others—I myſelf had not as much as others—When I ſaid ſome had received Twenty, and ſome Thirty, I heard a Man ſay he received Thirty—can't recollect who—*Jeremiah Lucas* received Twenty, beſides myſelf—*William Bye* received Fifteen, who told me ſo himſelf.

Upon what Account did you receive the Twenty?

I don't know; but it was upon Election Account—to vote for who I thought proper—When I received the Twenty Guineas, I could not tell who to vote for—I received it at Two ſeparate Places—I received Five Guineas at the Backhouſe at the *George*—and the other Fifteen Guineas at the *White Horſe*—It was reported, when I received the firſt Five Guineas, it was for General *Gold*—when I received the laſt Fifteen, it was for *Hollis*—I voted for *Hollis* and *Beckford*—I heard one of the Four (*Iſaac Davis*) who ſigned the Note with me at the *White Horſe*, ſay, he received his Fifteen Guineas at the ſame Place—When I received the Fifteen Guineas, I didn't know but I was to vote for *Hollis*—I mean by reported, it was a Word thrown out generally through the Town.—Nobody mentioned Mr. *Hollis*'s Name at the *White Horſe*—*Davis*, I believe, voted for *Hollis* and *Smith*. Withdrew.

JEREMIAH LUCAS——ſworn.

Was abſent from the Town at the Time of the Story of *Ward*'s Money—Am a Voter—was at *Hindon* upon *Eaſter Monday*—I went to *Lucas*'s—called at the *George and Dragon*—I expected to receive Ten Guineas on Mr. *Smith's* Account—he went by the Name of *Smith* then, at *Hindon*—Went to receive the Money in *Smith*'s Behalf—I heard it was for General *Smith*, by the Majority of the Town—I can't tell he went by any other Name—Did not know *Humphreys*—I went to receive Ten Guineas, but only received Five—*Thomas Spencer* was in the Room, and *Thomas Howell*, and *John Becket* the Baker—ſigned our Names to a Paper for it—*Edward Becket*, *Robert Tyley*, and *John Baldwin*, joined with me in putting our Names to a Paper—we were not ſatisfied with the Five, as we expected Ten—A Diſpute was in the Houſe, at *Hindon*, when General *Smith* came to the *Croſs* the laſt Time—a Day or two before the Election---He ſaid, he would make every Man eaſy in the Town---The Mob cried, "One and all"---He made the ſame Anſwer---Remember ſome Money given at the *White Horſe*---was there the *Saturday* after *Hollis* canvaſſed---Had been a Day or Two at *Hindon*, before *Hollis* came---did not ſee *Hollis* there that *Saturday*

---Fifteen

---Fifteen Guineas was given---thoſe who had not received any before on *Hollis*'s Account, received a Ten Pound Note; Five Guineas and an Half and Six Pence was returned---I received it myſelf, on *Hollis*'s Account---By all I could ever hear, or learn, it was perfectly underſtood by the Town in general to be on *Hollis*'s Account---There were Men who took it with me, but I don't recollect their Names---They went as Voters---whether they were Voters or not---they took with Intent to be Voters.

(Croſs-examined.) I went to the *White Horſe* on *Saturday*, ſome Time in the Evening---don't know what Time---ſeveral in the Town went with me---Forty ſaid ſomething to me about *Hollis*, there---Can't recollect their Names---I was ſometimes in Doors, drinking a Mug of Beer---ſometimes in the Kitchen, and ſometimes in the Parlour---I received the Money in one of the Outhouſes---Nobody aſked me for my Vote, in the Outhouſes, for Mr. *Hollis*---It was underſtood to be *Hollis*---by People talking of it in Town---a great many told me in the Outhouſe it was for *Hollis*---They had no Buſineſs to aſk me for my Vote---I had no Occaſion to trouble my Head about it, till the Election Morning---The major Part of the Town told me, I was to receive the Money at the *White Horſe*, on *Smith*'s Account---*Robert Tyley* told me, he was going to take ſome Money, on Behalf of Mr. *Smith*, to *Lucas*'s, and there to receive Ten Guineas a Man---*Robert Tyley* told me this on *Eaſter Monday*---He told me in the Street---It was before I received the Ten Guineas---I never heard that any other Candidate was in the Town then---I ſaw General *Smith* at the *Croſs*, a Day or Two before the Election---don't remember the Day of the Week---did not know one Perſon with him---a great many with him---am ſure he was preſent---He ſaid, at the *Croſs*, Every Man ſhould be ſatisfied---they cried out, One and all---Can't tell that they were ſatisfied---My Vote was turned back.

(Court.) When you received Ten Guineas on General *Smith*'s Account, had you ever heard of General *Gold*?

Not to the beſt of my Remembrance.

When you received Fifteen Guineas at the *White-Horſe*, did you ſee the Perſon who gave it you?

No; it was put through a Door---I ſigned a Paper for it---I underſtood it was given to vote for the Gentleman I was to receive the Money for---it was for Mr. *Hollis*---have lived at *Hindon* Seven Years, and before *Eaſter-Monday*, never heard of General *Gold* during all that Time---Don't remember who ſigned the Paper for the Fifteen Guineas with me---Can't recollect one---Four in the Room ſigned the Note.

Do you recollect what any of the Forty Perſons ſaid about *Hollis*?

They ſaid they had received ſo much Money on *Hollis*'s Behalf.

Withdrew.

ANDREW FARRETT, ſworn.

Have lived at *Hindon* Ten Years---am a Voter---received Money for voting there---firſt Time about *February* 1773---My Wife received Five Guineas---ſhe gave it me the next Morning---was not in Town at the Time ſhe received it for my Vote---I was to vote for Captain *Gold*---*Samuel Farthing*, my Father-in-Law, received Five at the ſame Time with my Wife---Remember no more---I received on *Eaſter Eve* more Money at the *George-Inn*---Went there about Nine or Ten o'Clock---Went there becauſe it was reported about the Town, Money was to be given there, on Account of General *Smith*---On *Eaſter Eve*, it was reported it was for General *Smith*---Talk about the Town that it was for him---went into a Chamber over the Back Kitchen---I ſaw there *John Becket*, Baker, *John Hart*, Currier, *Thomas Spencer*, Carpenter, *Thomas Howell*, Carpenter, *Harry Savage*, Breeches-Maker, *Thomas Penny*, Carpenter, and *James Wiet*, Shopkeeper, went up with me, and when we got in the Room we went to the Door, and put our Hands to the Hole, and received ſome Money---We ſigned a Note---*Thomas Howell* told us to put our Hands there---It was a Door parted two Rooms---I found Five Guineas in the Paper---the other Three received the ſame Paper and ſigned it---*Thomas Penny* was not a Voter---he was rejected at the Poll---I underſtood we received it for to vote for General *Smith*---never heard of General *Smith* before in the Borough---Remember *Hollis*'s coming the 29th of *Auguſt*---on *Monday*---ſaw him come---went with him---went to the *Croſs*---I followed Mr. *Stevens* and another Gentleman in his Company---They came in a Chaiſe---They all Three got out of the Chaiſe, and got up on the *Croſs*---a great many People aſſembled---Voters, and others---was pretty near them---When they mounted, Mr. *Hollis* ſaid, He was come to the Borough as a Candidate---and ſaid he was a neighbouring Gentleman, and would always behave honourably to the Town, and would be as good as any other Gentleman---He ſaid more, but I can't remember what---Can't remember what *Stevens* ſaid---The Mob cried out, "One and all"---*Stevens* ſaid, There was no Occaſion to diſpute that, for he would make all the Town eaſy---when he made that Anſwer, *Hollis* and *Stevens* were upon the ſame Step.

What did the Voters mean by "One and all?"

Every Man to have a Favour---I was billetted at the *Queen's Head*, kept by *William Penny*---I mean every Man in the Town, who was a Voteſman, had Three Shillings a Head to drink *Hollis*'s Health---there were about Nineteen there---I ſaw *Hollis* the ſame Day at the *Swan*---great many Voters applied to him---*Stevens* ſaid much the ſame as he ſpoke on the *Croſs*---*Francis Mead* and *John Becket* were there, and ſeveral other Voters---*Francis Mead* aſked

Stevens,

Stevens, if the Gentleman had nothing to ſay for himſelf---*Stevens* drew back, and *Hollis* ſaid, he was a reſpectable Gentleman, and hoped the Town would be his Friends, and he would be as good as any other Gentleman---Mr. *Burnet* and *Bye* ſpoke to Mr. *Hollis* at the ſame Time, and ſaid, They begged to have a little more Time---*Stevens* ſaid ſomething, but I can't recollect what---I ſaw *Stevens* upon the *Friday* following at *Saliſbury*, and aſked him, when he came down to *Hindon*---*Stevens* ſaid, He would come down in a little Time---I told him his Friends were uneaſy, becauſe he promiſed to come down, and make his Friends eaſy, in a ſhort Time, and he had not—*Stevens* told me, he had got every thing in order to bring down, but ſhould not come down himſelf, but would ſend ſomebody before *Sunday*—Soon after that I was going away, and *Stevens* called me back, and aſked me, if I was going directly home to *Hindon*—I told him I was going in a ſhort Time---he deſired me to deliver his Compliments to *Lucas* at the *George*, and to deſire he would meet at the *White Horſe* the next Evening—*Lucas* was deſired to meet at the *White Horſe* a Friend, whom he had deſired to come down before—this Friend was to meet them, to make his Friends eaſy, and to ſee every Thing ſhould be in Order---I went and delivered the Meſſage to *Lucas*, a Quarter of an Hour after I got home---Went there from a Report that *Hollis*'s Favour was to be let go that Night---went up into a Chamber at the Back Houſe---*Thomas Stevens* (*bag*) *John Edwards*, Labourer, and *James Lambert* with me---all Voters---Found a great Number of Voters there round the Houſe---Thoſe Three and I went up together---when I got to the Room I found *Huff*, a Baker, *Jacob Stevens*, Brother to *Jobber Stevens*, and a Gentleman unknown to me, who was dreſſed in black.

What paſſed?

John Edwards, *Lambert*, *Stevens*, and myſelf, put our Names to a Paper—the Gentleman unknown told us ſo to do—I put my Name, they put their Marks—the Gentleman ſaid, it did not ſignify—they knew what it was for—then *Jacob Stevens* told them to go to the Hole; and I went, and got Fourteen Guineas and Two Half Guineas—don't know what was done with the Note—ſaw the other Three put up their Hands, and they had ſomething put in their Hands—I voted for General *Smith* and *Beckford*—did not ſee *Punch*'s Wife in the Town—heard of it—my Wife ſaid ſhe had received Five Guineas from Mrs. *Punch*—The Money I received through the Hole was to vote for *Hollis*—never ſaw any body in Diſguiſe give Money about the Town.

(*Croſs-examined.*) The People in the Town reported, that the Money received at the *George* was General *Smith*'s Money--I heard before it was General *Gold*'s Money--I was at the Malthouſe--borrowed ſome Money there

there—did not underſtand it was to vote—Mr. *William Bye* lent it—I thought it was Money lent in Charity—he has truſted me with many Things before—I heard *Bye* afterwards ſay, he did all of his own Head—I thought it was Money I was to pay again if called for—Six diſtributed £. 100 apiece—Can only recollect *Bye*, *Beckett*, and *Mead*, who were there to witneſs the Note, but not to diſtribute the Money—Some who had this Money voted for one, and ſome for another—I put the Note over the Door, and got the Money, a uſual Way of lending Money on Election Affairs—A great many voted for *Hollis* and *Smith*—Some voted for *Calthorpe*—I voted for *Beckford*—can't name any who received the Five Guineas but myſelf—the Fifteen Guineas I received for Mr. *Hollis*—I carried it home—I never gave it back—Nobody called for it.

(Court.) Signed a Note at the Malt-houſe---Nobody ſigned with me—I did not ſee any other Name—there was Writing on it, but could not tell what it was.

Was any body with you at *Saliſbury* when you ſpoke to *Stevens?*

Yes—*Richard Ingram*, who is a Voter at *Hindon*—I did not go to *Saliſbury* on Purpoſe to ſee *Stevens*—*Stevens* did not direct me to the *White Hart*—he did not ſay what he meant by every thing in order.

Withdrew.

RICHARD INGRAM, ſworn.

Have lived at *Hindon* near Two Years, backwards, and forwards---am a Voter—know *Andrew Farrett* and *Jobber Stevens*---remember being in Company with *Stevens* when *Farrett* was there---heard *Jobber Stevens* tell *Farrett*, to tell *Lucas* to be down at the *White Horſe* To-morrow Night---he ſaid nothing more that I took Notice of.

Did not *Farrett* ſay any Thing to him?---

I believe he ſpoke of *Lucas* at *Hindon*, at the *George*---once I borrowed Five Guineas, and gave a Note for it, at *Lucas's*, at the *George* at *Hindon*---it was in *February*, I believe, 1773---I went there recommended by other People, becauſe there was a Trifle of Money to be lent---went into a Chamber over the Fore Parlour---there was a ſtrange Gentleman there genteely dreſſed---there were ſeveral People in the Room---I received Five Guineas, and I gave a Note for it---that Gentleman gave it me in a Paper---I believe there was another took Money after me---I took the Five Guineas to pay it again when called for---it was talked there was a certain Gentleman coming to put up the Voters---I received ſome Money about a Month or two before the Election, behind the *White Horſe*---I went as well as the reſt of my Neighbours---there was a Trifle of Money to be given---went into a Room in the back Apartment---can't recollect who went

went up with me---Two or Three---there was one *James Davis* there, a Carpenter and Voter---*Henry Huff*, Senior, a Baker, and old *Benjamin Cholsey*---can't recollect any body elſe.

What paſſed?

Nothing in particular---I gave a Note for the Money, and had it---had the Money for it ſoon after---I held out my Hand, and it dropt into it from the Ceiling---Somebody ſaid it was Fifteen Guineas---I ſuppoſe the other People had it---I got mine and I went away---the Five, and afterwards the Fifteen, was all I got---I underſtood it was for voting for Mr. *Smith* and *Hollis*.

(Croſs-examined.) I muſt pay the Money now, if called for---nothing mentioned what was to be done for the Five Guineas---did not know who it was to vote for---it was afterwards ſaid it was for General *Smith*---the firſt Five---don't know the other ſtrange Gentleman, who was behind the *White Horſe*---I have not the Note for the Fifteen Guineas---if I can pay it I muſt---I ſaw One or Two hold up their Hands for the Money, but did not ſee them receive it---was never at the Malthouſe.

Withdrew.

GEORGE SPENDER, ſworn.

Have lived at *Hindon* Forty-four or Forty-five Years---am a Voter ---received ſome Money for voting for ſomebody---about a Year and a Half ago---at the Sign of the *George*---at *Lucas*'s---This was the firſt Money I received---it was ſaid there it was one Captain *Gold*'s Favour---I went up Stairs---*Roger Spender*, my Son, went into the Room with me---don't remember any Body elſe went with me---there was there *Francis Mead*---and *Lucas* I think came into the Room, and a Man who went by the Name of *Ward* (a Stranger in *Hindon*)---don't recollect any Body elſe---when I and my Son got there, *Ward* ſaid the Money was pretty near out, and he did not know whether he had got enough to ſupply or not.

What paſſed then?

I put my Name to a Paper---the Money he ſaid ſhould be borrowed of ſomebody or other---and I and my Son ſhould have it---my Son put his Name at the ſame Time to the ſame Paper---I did not ſee any Body elſe---there was Five Guineas in each Paper which my Son and I received---I underſtood it was given to vote for the Perſon who was the Owner of it---did not hear who it was, in the Room---it was reported it was given for one Captain *Gold*---I received ſome more at *Lucas*'s, on *Eaſter Monday*, in another Room---I went there from a Report that there was another Favour to be given---I and my Son went---there were there *Charles Simpſon* a Cutler, *John Becket* the Baker, and *Thomas Spencer*, Carpenter---all Voters---I can't recollect any Body elſe---I gave a Note---I and my Son ſigned it,

and I went and put my Hand up to ſome Sort of a Thing with a Hole in it---and received a Paper with Five Guineas in it---my Son received the ſame---there were a great many Voters about the Houſe at the Time---I remember General *Smith*, when he firſt came to the Town---went to the *George*, but firſt went to the *Croſs*---the Two *Nairns* were with him---ſome Time in *Auguſt*---I went to the *Croſs* with a Crowd---a Number of Voters gathered about the *Croſs*---I and the reſt of the Company cried out, "One and all;" ſome cried, "One and all, or none at all."---The Parſon or General ſaid, It ſhould be "One and all"---I was billeted at the *George*---*Stevens* at the *Roſe and Crown*---about Nineteen were billetted there, at Three Shillings a Head---can't ſay Captain *Nairn* came there---the General came there---the Voters cried, "One and all"---can't ſay what the General ſaid then---I heard a Cry that Day of "*Smith* for ever"---the ſame Day the General came---*Saturday* before the Election the Cry was, "That *Punch* was to dance"---People underſtood by that, that they were going to receive more Money---I ſaw ſomething---one *Ellis Stevens* in Company with it---ſomebody held out a Hand, and I held out mine---it looked as though it was dreſſed in Woman's Petticoats---I had Five Guineas put into my Hand---this was the Thing I expected when I heard *Punch* was to dance.

(Croſs-examined.) Had General *Smith*'s Name been made uſe of before the Election, within a Week of his Arrival in *Auguſt*?

Never heard it before then---was at a Houſe belonging to the Malthouſe, at the Spring of the Year---I think about *February*---I went to receive a Favour there---don't know whoſe Favour I was to receive there---the Favour was to be done to me---and to the reſt of my Neighbours---I did not know who the Favours were to be lent to---we received the Favours---thoſe who gave the Favours were to nominate a Gentleman---I cannot tell what for, except for a Candidate---*Bye*, *William Becket*, *William Harding*, and I believe *Mead*, were there---don't know how much the Note was for---I received Five Guineas for it---I received Money afterwards---received Money in another Room---a Kitchen---after I ſigned the Note---can't ſay who nominated *Beckford* for a Candidate---I voted for *Smith* and *Calthorpe*.

(Court.) Did *Bye*, or any of thoſe Gentlemen, aſk you to vote for *Beckford*?

No, I told the General I ſhould vote for him and *Calthorpe*---I am a Tenant of *Calthorpe*'s.

Withdrew.

SAMUEL

SAMUEL COLLIER, ſworn.

Have lived at *Hindon* Eight Years and a Half---am a Plumber and Glazier, and a Voter---remember ſeeing *Hollis* at the *George*, when he firſt came---know *Jobber Stevens*, he was with him---I was billeted at the *George*---*Hollis* and *Stevens* came there to canvaſs the Town---the Voters cried, "One and all:"---don't remember, at any Time, *Stevens* or *Hollis* anſwered that Cry---I was at the *White Horſe* when Money was given away---went up into a back Room *Saturday* Night, after *Hollis* firſt came to Town---I went up Stairs and received ſome Money---Three went up Stairs with me, *Thomas Penny*, *George Haward*, and *Thomas Wien*---all Voters ---when we got into the Room, we ſaw a Gentleman whom we did not know---that was the firſt Time I received any Money---there were in the Room, *Benjamin Cholſey* the Elder---*Henry Huffe*, Baker, and *Jacob Stevens*---Can't remember any one elſe I and Three others put our Hands to a Paper---I received Fifteen Guineas for my own Share---the other Three had the ſame---I ſaw 'em put their Hands up to the Hole---Two of them told me they had received Fifteen Guineas *(Penny* and *Haward)* There were a great many more Voters at the Door.

(Croſs-examined.) I voted for *Hollis* and *Beckford*---The firſt Time I ſaw *Beckford* there before the Election---I got no Favour for him---Never was at the Malthouſe---never received a Promiſe from *Penny* nor any body---ſerved my Time with *Francis Mead* ---never heard him *(Francis Mead)* ſay what Favour he had received from him---had no Converſation with him about the Election.

Withdrew.

Adjourned till To-morrow.

Sabbati, 4° *Februarii*, 1775.

COMMITTEE proceed on *Hindon* Election.

Counsel for Petitioners proceed.

THOMAS PENNY, (Son of *William Penny*) ſworn.

I live at *Hindon*---Remember Money going about in *February* 1773 ---Was preſent when Money was given at *George Haward*'s---I received Five Guineas---it was not mentioned who to vote for---General *Gold*'s Name was then current in the Town---I did not ſee the Perſon who was called General *Gold*---but he was underſtood to be ſomebody that was abſent---the Money was wrapped up in a little Bit of Paper twiſted at both Ends---I ſigned a Note for it---Three joined in the Note, *Thomas Wier*, *John Wier*, and *Robert Wier*---I ſaw *Thomas Wier* receive Five Guineas, and counted them myſelf---it was notorious through the Town that there was Five Guineas to be received---a vaſt Crowd of Voters round the Door, that it was difficult to get in---and they were Voters about the ſame Thing---the *Wiers* are all Voters---On *Eaſter Eve*, when Money was given at *Lucas*'s, I was One who received it---Five Guineas---joined with Three in that Note, *Andrew Farrett*, *Harry Savage*, and *James Wier*, all Voters---I took my Five Guineas out of a Hole over the the Door---I ſaw all Three hold up their Hands, but cou'd not perceive they took it---in the outer Room where I ſigned the Paper, I ſaw *John Becket* Baker---*Thomas Spencer*, and *Thomas Howell*---did not perceive any more---only them Three Managers---Remember General *Smith*'s coming to canvaſs the Town---ſaw him in my Father's Parlour---he ſaid he came to put himſelf up as a Candidate for the enſuing Election---there were a Number of Voteſmen in my Father's Room, who all ſaid One and all, he ſaid it ſhould be One and all---I remember *Hollis*'s coming, *Jobber Stevens* came with him---the Voters ſaid to him One and all, where *Smith* and his Party were---Mr. *Hollis* ſaid he was recommended by *Stevens* to offer himſelf a Candidate, and ſaid he wou'd be as good as any other Gentleman---don't remember what *Stevens* ſaid---I remember what happened on *Saturday*, after *Hollis*'s coming to *Hindon* ---I was at the *White Horſe* then---I received Fifteen Guineas there, and ſigned a Note---I received it from a Gentleman who was in an

an inner Room, and gave it me through a Hole of the Door---don't know that Buſineſs was known by any particular Name---I and Three more joined in the Note,---I received mine, did not ſee them take theirs---ſaw them hold up their Hands as I did---the Three who joined with me in the Note, were *Samuel Collier*, *George Hayward*, and *Thomas Wier*---all Voters.

Who were the Agents in the other Room, where the Note was ſigned?

Henry Huff---*Benjamin Cholſey*, Senior---*Jacob Stevens*, and another Gentleman whoſe Name I did not know, a Stranger---don't know who wrote the Notes---*Stevens* put them in the inner Room---Remember *Saturday* Night before the Election.

Relate what happened.

I ſaw ſomething dreſſed in Woman's Clothes---he went round the Town---he was diſguiſed---all the People ſaid it was a Man in Woman's Clothes---ſaw the Perſon go to ſeveral Houſes ---did not ſee him do any Thing, only go to the Doors---he had got a Guard over him with Sticks and Clubs---remember *Elias Stevens*, in particular, with him---he went by the Name of *Punch*.

What did they call that Night's Work?

It was reported in the Town to be in Behalf of *Smith*---he danced about the Town that Night---On *Sunday* Night, the ſame Perſon in Diſguiſe gave me Five Guineas---was diſguiſed on *Sunday* the ſame as *Saturday* Night---*Patty Cholſey* and her Daughter told me to come out of the Back Door---there was *Thomas Howell* with the Figure, and no other Perſon that I ſaw ---*Thomas Howell* pointed to me to go to the Figure, and I went and got Five Guineas.

(Croſs-examined.) When *Smith* came to canvaſs the Town at my Father's, I don't remember what Time of the Day---did not perceive my Father was there---*Nairn* came with him---*Edward Mead*, and all that were billetted, were in the Room---can't recollect any other---Eleven or Twelve, to ſpeak within Compaſs—I imagine *Elias Stevens* ſaid, One and all—all cried, One and all—General *Smith* ſaid, it ſhould be One and all—he did not aſk me for my Vote—he ſaid, he hoped his Friends would ſtand by him—they were very well pleaſed at it—I did not vote at all—Objection againſt my Houſe—I was called to the *Croſs* to vote, and was rejected—Can't ſay which *Nairn* was with him—Can't take upon me to ſay who elſe came with him—they came in a Croud together with General *Smith*, but don't know their Names—ſome of them ſtopped in the Kitchen—they came into the Street, not into the Parlour with him.

Objection to my Houſe, being adjoining to my Father's—not

that I had not it long enough from the iſſuing of the Writ--my Father had Part of that Houſe before that--a Door went out of my Father's Houſe into that--been in Poſſeſſion near Twelve Months---don't know how many Rates I have paid, or I could tell exactly---The Houſe belonged to my Father---it was on his own Land---I was examined before I came here---not long after the Election---examined by Mr. *Smith*, the Solicitor---was taken down in Writing---have ſeen the Writing lately---laſt Night I looked at it, to ſee that I had told the right Story---they did not tell me what I was to ſay---I was deſired to ſee that I had told the ſame---Mr. *Smith* deſired me to tell the Truth---it came entirely from my own Mind what I was to ſay.

(Court.) When I received the Five and the Fifteen Guineas at the *White Horſe*---I thought it was upon the Election Account---If I had had a Vote, I ſhould have thought myſelf bound to vote for *Beckford*---was not bound to any Body in particular---the Fifteen Guineas I received at the *White Horſe*, I thought was to vote for *Hollis*.

Why did you think ſo?

As *Hollis* was in my Father's Room on *Monday*, when there were ſome cried, Down and down, and it ſhou'd be ſoon---Did not hear *Hollis* ſay any Thing, but he would be as good as any other Gentleman.

Did your Father give or make any Promiſe to any Voter on Behalf of Mr. *Beckford*?

Not at all.

Withdrew.

JOHN BECKET (BRICKLAYER) ſworn.

I was born and bred at *Hindon*---am a Voter---received Money for my Vote, 3d *September* 1774---at the back Part of the *White Horſe*---an Alarm about the Town, Favours were to be given there---on that Account I went---Three Voters went in with me---*John Fricker*, a Clock-maker, *William Abrey*, Poſt-boy, and *William Snook*, a Labourer---all Four went together into this Room---all pretended to be Voters---*John Fricker* was rejected---found there one *Henry Huff*, Baker, *Benjamin Cholſey*, the Elder, *Jacob Stevens*, and a Stranger.

What paſſed?

When we got up on the Top of the Stairs---*Huff* bid *Fricker* bring his Son *Thomas*---*William Gardner*, Labourer, came in *Fricker*'s Place---when he was gone to fetch *Huff*'s Son---we then received the Favour---all Four put our Hands to a Bit of Paper, in the ſame Room, up at the Stair-head---I received the Favour out of the

Hole

Hole of a Door---received Fourteen Guineas, and Two Half Guineas---Friends with me received the ſame---I ſaw them all put up their Hands to the ſame Hole as I did---Saw Mrs. *Punch* going about the Town---The Firſt Time I ſaw her ſhe was going to *Joſeph Gardner*'s Houſe---*Thomas Spencer*---*John Stevens* (*Hag*) *Joſeph Cholſeys*, the Elder and Younger---*Matthew Davis*---*Elias Stevens* (*Hag*) and *Thomas Howell*, were with her---Nobody elſe that I remember---*Gardner* is a Voter---did not ſee what *Punch* did at *Gardner*'s---I can't tell what ſhe did---it was dark---ſhe went next to *William Gardner*'s (a Voter) followed her Three or Four or more Doors---went to *William Crabb* (a Voter)---She went to *Edward Becket* (my Uncle's) *Thomas Spencer* knocked at the Door and People came out---any body who were at Home---then *Punch* gave the People ſomething---I did not know what it was then---When ſhe knocked at my Uncle's Door, I had the Curioſity to go and ſee what was given---it was given to my Couſin *Suſan*---(*Becket* my Uncle was not at Home) and I aſked what *Punch* gave her---at firſt ſhe would not let me ſee it---I told her it was no Harm for me to ſee---when I ſaid I would not tell, ſhe put the Two Papers upon the Board, and I unſcrewed them, and found Five Guineas in each---never knew whether any other Voters received from *Punch*---I got nothing myſelf from *Punch*.

(*Croſs-examined.*) Several *John Beckets* beſides me at *Hindon*---I was at the Malthouſe---can't recollect how long before the Election ---was there when other People were there---Uncle *John Becket* was there---can't ſay I ſaw either *Bye* or *Mead*---*William Harden* and *William Penny* were there---went into a Room adjoining the Malthouſe---did not know of any Favours---I had nothing---People ſaid they had received Favours at the Malthouſe---heard Three or Four Score had received---I remember *Benjamin Cholſey*, Junior, ſaid he had received the Favour---did not go into the Room where *Bye*, *Penny*, and *Harden* were ſitting.

Who were *Calthorpe*'s particular Friends?

William Bye, *Becket*, and Uncle *John*---they went as far as one another---they went to the Malthouſe together---I never heard Uncle *John* ſay how they went on---am a Voter---voted for *Hollis* and *Calthorpe*---Nobody aſked me for my Vote---I voted free and independant for them.

Have rented my Houſe Twelve Months---pay Four Guineas a Year---my Father had Money of me to pay the Rent---gave him Four Guineas, out of the Fifteen I had received, to pay the Rent.

I heard Nobody ſay, they had received the Favour, but *Cholſey* ---only Report about the Town of the others---*Benjamin Cholſey* ſaid he had received Five Guineas at the Malthouſe.

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(Court.) What Gentleman did you vote for, for the Favour you received at the *White Horſe?*

Mr. *Hollis.*

Withdrew.

WILLIAM CRABB (Cutler) ſworn.

Lived at *Hindon* about Ten Years---am a Voter---know Parſon *Nairn* and *Thomas Spencer*---remember their applying to me to canvaſs me for a Gentleman---they aſked me for my Vote for General *Gold*---I told them I would give him my Vote, if he would be as good as another Gentleman---I meant, if he would give as much Money as another Gentleman---they both ſaid, they did not doubt but he would be as good as any other Gentleman, and I need not doubt it---received Money for my Vote---the Firſt Place I received it at, was at *George Haward's*, about Two Years ago---went there upon Report, that there was Five Guineas to be given there.

Who went with you there?

Four of us went up together: *Matthew Davies*, *John Dukes*, and *George Spender*, Junior, all three Voters, and myſelf—they went into the Room with me; found there *John Hart*, and Three or Four others---There was a Note on the Table, which we put our Hands to; then Somebody delivered a Paper to us, which they told us was Tobacco for us. I put it in my Pocket; and when I came to examine it, I found it was Five Guineas: the other Three had the ſame, I ſuppoſe---I did not ſee them open the Paper---I received ſome more Money, about a Twelvemonth after, upon *Eaſter Eve*, at *Lucas's (George)* went there upon hearing more Money was to be given—*Reynaldo Bowles*, *John Biſhop*, Labourer, and another, whoſe Name I don't recollect, went with me up into a Room over *Lucas's* Back Kitchen—Knew the Perſons I found there, *John Beckett*, Baker, *Thomas Howell*, and *Thomas Spencer*; thoſe were all I knew—There was a Note we were to ſign—we all Four ſigned it—*John Becket*, the Baker, filled it up, and it was put over a Door into another Room—and then a Gentleman gave us Five Guineas apiece in Papers, as before, through the Hole of the Door—the other Three had Papers—Did not ſee what were in the others—Remember *Smith* coming to *Hindon*, and going to the *Croſs*, a great Number of People were with him—The General came to me at the *Roſe and Crown*, where I was billetted—Eighteen billetted there beſides, I believe—I mean by billetted, we were to have Three Shillings a Head a Couple, Man and Wife—This was the ſame Day the General went to the *Croſs*—he ſaid, he was come to canvaſs the Town for the next enſuing Election; and hoped he ſhould have the Favour of our Votes—We ſaid, we had no Objection againſt him, provided he was as good as another Gentleman

tleman—meant, if he would give as much Money as another Gentleman. He then turned away, and gave no Anſwer at all.

Who were his Agents?

The Two *Nairns* and *Thomas Spencer* were with him at the Time---Parſon *Nairn* ſaid, we need not doubt it, for he would be as good as another Gentleman would--I did not promiſe the General my Vote--There was at this Time a Cry, among the Voters, of "One and all, or none at all"—No Anſwer was made to that---Know *Hollis* and *Stevens*, remember their coming together to *Hindon*---went to the *George*---went round the *Croſs* firſt---I followed them to the *Croſs*---*Hollis* ſaid at the *Croſs*, he was come to canvaſs the Borough for the next Election; and ſaid he hoped to have the Favour of their Intereſt---*Stevens* ſaid, the Gentleman was an honourable Gentleman, and would behave like a Man of Honour; and hoped they would favour him with their Votes—The Voters ſaid, they had no Objection to the Gentleman, provided it would come in Time—Mr. *Stevens* ſaid, your Time ſhall be mine—That is all that paſſed at the *Croſs*.

I went to the *Roſe and Crown*—by the ſame Billet as I was billetted at for *Smith*—the ſame Allowance there as for *Smith*—*Hollis* and *Stevens* came to the *Roſe and Crown*, they hoped we ſhould have no Objection; and ſaid, as before, he ſhould be as good as another Gentleman—*Jobber* anſwered, we need not doubt *Hollis*; and ſaid, within a Week's Time, we ſhould ſee what he would do for us—They aſked him, how much it would be—*Stevens* held both his Hands up, and ſaid, Gentlemen, twice this---I underſtood it to be a Guinea a Finger---Nothing elſe paſſed at that Time---About a Week after, I did receive ſome Money at the *White Horſe*---Went there from Intelligence of other People---great many Voters there---*Edward White*, *Richard Ingram*, *James Davis*, and myſelf (Voters) went into the Room of the *White Horſe* Back-yard---and found in the Room *Benjamin Cholſey*, Senior, *Henry Huff*, Baker, and *Jacob Stevens*---When I got into the Room I drank a Glaſs of Punch ---There were Four of us put our Hands to a Note---then the Note was put into a Hole of the Door---and, in return, I received Fifteen Guineas into my Hand---The other Three put up their Hands---they ſeemed very well pleaſed---I underſtood I received it for *Hollis* ---I ſuppoſed ſo, by *Jobber* ſaying ſo to us a Year before---Parſon *Nairn* applied to us, *Friday* before the Election---General *Smith* was with him---*Smith* paid his Obedience to us; and ſaid, he hoped we would give him our Votes---I ſaid, I had no Objection againſt him, if he would be as good as any other Gentleman---The General ſaid nothing more after---The Parſon aſked me (*Smith* preſent) if I would give *Smith* my Vote---I told him I ſhould ſtand by my Neighbours---and if he would make my Neighbours all

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eaſy and alike, I had no Objection to it---*Nairn* ſaid, I need not doubt that---and that General *Smith* was not come, as another Country Gentleman, to be here To-day and away To-morrow; but that he had brought his Pack of Hounds with him, and would ſtay a whole Fortnight---The Parſon then ſaid to me, You have received the General's Favour twice before---I anſwered, I had, as far as I knew---*Nairn* ſaid that I had---He aſked if he ſhould ſet down my Name, as for General *Smith*---I told him he might do as he pleaſed, but I ſhould not give my Vote any more for that, unleſs all my Neighbours were made eaſy---I meant, that they might receive the ſame Favours as I had had before---ſome having been left out---Captain *Nairn* was preſent during the Converſation, and he put my Name down---he carried about a Pen and Ink to ſet down their Names---On *Saturday* Night before the Election, there was a Cry in the Street that Mrs. *Punch* was going to dance---I underſtood by that, that we were going to have ſomething elſe from *Smith*---I ſaw Mrs. *Punch* when ſhe came to my Door---it was ſhut till I opened it, when ſomebody knocked---opened it, and *Thomas Spencer* pointed to me to go to Mrs. *Punch*---ſhe gave me ſomething wrapped in a Paper---opened it when I went in, and found Five Guineas---*Punch* ſaid nothing to me---*Thomas Spencer*, *Elias Stevens*, and *John Stevens*, the Elder, were with her---*Punch* called at ſeveral other Doors---did not ſee what ſhe did at thoſe Doors---heard *James Wier* (a Voter) ſay he had received the ſame as I---Five Guineas---I heard Nobody elſe ſay ſo---Remember Beer given away on *Saturday* Morning before the Election to Voters---Half a Hogſhead at the *Roſe and Crown*---*George Stevens*'s.

(Croſs-examined.) Who was with General *Smith* when he canvaſſed at your Houſe?

Parſon *Nairn*, Capt. *Nairn*, and *Thomas Spencer*---don't remember any more---More in the Houſe, don't know who they were---The General ſtaid in my Houſe a very little While at that Time---he was in the Paſſage when *Nairn* ſpoke to me, at a ſmall Diſtance---I was attentive to hear what he was talking---Don't remember General *Smith*'s ſaying any thing, at the *Roſe and Crown*, about *Caldthorpe*---I voted for *Hollis* and *Beckford*, becauſe *Smith* was not a Man of his Word---I voted for *Beckford* for Honour.

Beckford never promiſed or gave me any Money---the Second Money I received was at the *George*---after that at the *White Horſe*---then at my own Houſe, the *Saturday* before the Election, from Mrs. *Punch*, none no where elſe---was not at *Penny*'s the Morning of the Election---know *Elizabeth Philips*, had no Converſation with her about the Election---did not ſay to her, What Good would the Election have been to *Beckford*, if he had not given them ſomething.

(Court.)

(*Court.*) I received three Times Five Guineas, and once Fifteen.

Withdrew.

EDWARD MEAD (Labourer) ſworn.

Was born and bred at *Hindon*---am a Voter---received Money for my Vote at the laſt Election---firſt in 1773, at *George Haward's*---can't ſay who I went with---I went up to the Room with Three more---all Voters---I put my Hand to a Paper with the other Three---then I had a Paper with Five Guineas, from one *Ward* (as they called him)---the other Three had Papers the ſame as I---don't know what was in their Papers---I heard Money was to be given on Election Affairs---I underſtood it to be for Captain *Gold*---it was ſaid it was for Captain *Gold*---In 1774 I received ſome more at the *George*---at *Lucas's*, a little Houſe by the *George*, joining to his Houſe---Can't recollect who went up with me there, Three more Voters---found in the Room *Thomas Spencer*, don't remember any body elſe---I ſet my Hand to a Paper with the other Three, and then was bid to go to the Hole in the Door by *Spencer*---I put my Hand, and got a Paper of Five Guineas---the other Three did the ſame, and got the Paper---don't know what was in theirs---Received ſome more in the Barley Harveſt, at *Saliſbury*, can't tell who from---I met *John Stevens*, who ſaid he had been at *Saliſbury*, and had done well there, and told me if I wou'd go I might do well too—*Francis Ingram* and *John Ingram* went with me---directed to go to *Jobber Stevens*—went to his Houſe---he was not at home---went to the *Antelope* to him, and met him coming out of the Yard—I told him I had met *John Stevens* who told us to come to him, and ſaid he had been very well pleaſed---*Jobber* ſaid, he wou'd have nothing to do with it---Then I ſaid we muſt go home again---He aſked me to ſtop again---and we went into the *Antelope* to drink together---he called for ſome Beer---we drank and ſmoaked together---We ſaid, if he would have nothing to do with it, we wou'd go home To-morrow Morning---We deſired to be made as eaſy as *John Stevens* had been, whom we met---He ſaid he ſhould have nothing to do with it---When we threatened to go home again---he ſaid we cou'd not go home till Eleven or Twelve the next Day---He then ſaid he did not know but a Man wou'd come to me at the *Antelope*---Betwixt Twelve and One o'Clock the next Day---*Jobber* came himſelf after us---he had us to a Public Houſe, Half a Mile from Town.

What paſſed?

There was a young Man came to us, introduced by *Stevens*, who bid us go to a Public Houſe with this young Man---*Jobber* went with us to the Kitchen, and ſtaid there---the young Man and we went into the Parlour together---the Door was ſhut,

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What paſſed?

We told the young Man, we were come for the ſame Favour as the reſt had at *Hindon*---he pulled out Fifteen Guineas---that was but Five Guineas apiece, and we expected to have Fifteen apiece---he wanted us all Three to join in a Note for the Fifteen Guineas---We ſaid, we had no Occaſion all Three to join in it, becauſe we expected Fifteen Guineas apiece---*John Ingram* wrote his Name to the Note for the Fifteen---he received the Whole---he diſtributed Five Guineas apiece to each of us, in the Preſence of this young Man---ſtaid there a Quarter of an Hour after the Money was paid---the young Man went out of the Room to ſpeak to *Stevens*, and *Stevens* came to us in the Parlour, and aſked why we all Three would not join in the Note---then we aboliſhed that Note, and ſigned a freſh one for Fifteen Guineas---we went to the *Antelope* that Night, and ſtaid all Night---we never paid any thing ---went away without paying---I was not at home when *Punch* danced---we received ſome more Money at the *White Horſe*---*Stevens* told us, when we were at the *Antelope*, that *Punch* would dance again at the *White Horſe* in Seven or Eight Days---I went there at that Time, with the ſame Two Men who received the Five Guineas at *Saliſbury*---We went into an Outhouſe of the Dwelling Houſe---found there *Benjamin Cholſey*, the Elder, *Jacob Stevens*, and a Man dreſſed like a Clergyman, with Canonical Robes and a Band---did not know him, it was not Parſon *Nairn*---Nobody elſe that I recollect.

We went to the Table to this Man (the Parſon) and he gave me Ten Guineas out of a Bag, and I took it---*Jacob Stevens* aſked me to drink---*Jacob* went down and fetched up the Two *Ingrams*---they had Ten Guineas apiece from the Parſon---I underſtood it was given for *Hollis*--- I voted for *Beckford* and *Hollis*.

(Croſs-examined.) *John Stevens* (Hag) directed me to go to *Jobber Stevens*---was acquainted with him---Nobody was with *Jobber* when at the *Antelope*---never ſaw the young Man till he came to that Place---the Place was called *Mitford*---all Three who went never ſaw this young Man till we came to the Houſe---all went away together from the Houſe---we went together to ſee *Jobber Stevens's* Meadows.

Was at the Malthouſe before I went to *Saliſbury*---I ſaw Mr. *Bye* and *Becket*---I went to the Hole there, and borrowed Five Guineas of them---I gave them a Note---their own Favour, as far as I know---no Report at all who that was for---they thought we had hard Families, and lent it us---and I believe that was the Reaſon they let us have it---I heard others received the ſame as I---don't know who.

(Court.)

(Court.) Why do you think the Money you received at the Malt-houſe, was lent you, any more than at other Places?

I never heard any body mentioned---I took the other Money on Election Account---*Bye* never aſked me for my Vote---No Name was mentioned at *Saliſbury*.

Withdrew.

FRANCIS INGRAM (a Joiner) ſworn.

Live at *Hindon*.

What did you hear, at *Hindon*, the Beginning of *February* 1773?

I underſtood Five Guineas was to be lent at *George Haward*'s---it was reported it was to be lent on Account of Election---went thither and received it---and gave a Note for it; promiſing to pay it again on Demand---Four joined in it---every one received it---*George Haward*, who belonged to the Houſe, received it---can't recollect any other---On *Eaſter* 1774, I was at a Meeting at *Lucas*'s, when Five more Guineas were given---I received it by myſelf---the firſt Time I received the Five Guineas, at *Haward*'s, I did not know who General *Gold* was---The ſecond Time I received it, I did not then know who General *Gold* was---it was reported after *Eaſter* Meeting to be General *Smith*---I remember, ſome Time in *September* laſt, I overtook one *John Stevens* and *Benjamin Cholſey*, between *Chill Mark* and *Fonthill*.

What did *Stevens* ſay?

I aſked *Stevens* where he had been---and he ſaid he had been at *Saliſbury*---he ſaid he had received a Favour there---he ſaid we might go to *Saliſbury*, and enquire for Butcher *Stevens*, and he would tell us whether we might not receive the ſame Favour---told us he would be found at the *Antelope*---did not ſay what the Favour was to be---I went next Day with *Edward Mead* and *John Ingram* ---and found *Stevens* at the *Antelope*---Upon *Mead*'s ſaying what we were come about, *Stevens* ſaid he knew nothing of the Election Affair, and had nothing to give on that Account---he ſaid we might have Victuals and Drink there, and it ſhould coſt us nothing---we ſtaid all Night---ſaw *Stevens* the next Day at Eleven o'Clock---went with us about Half a Mile out of Town---went into a Public Houſe---we went into a Parlour, and *Stevens* went into a Kitchen ---a young Man came to us, whom we did not know---the young Man put down Fifteen Guineas upon the Table---Objection to the Sum---we all objected---on Account we thought One of us were to have Fifteen Guineas---we agreed One Man ſhould give the Note for it---*John Ingram* (my Brother) gave us Five Guineas apiece---After this the young Man took the Note, and went into the Kitchen where *Stevens* was---*Stevens* came in with him, and ſaid that would not do---he ſaid we might as well all Three give the Note as well as

One---a freſh Note was drawn, and we all Three ſigned it---then we returned to the *Antelope*, and ſtaid all Night---we did not pay the Expences---After that I went to the *White Horſe*, and got Ten Guineas more, in order to make the other Five, which I received at *Saliſbury*, Fifteen---it might be Eight or Ten Days after I was at *Saliſbury*.

I underſtood my Brother *Ingram* and *Edward Mead* received the Ten Guineas before---he who gave me the Money at the *White Horſe* was dreſſed in black, like a Clergyman's Dreſs---his Hat was flapped down over his Face---he threw the Money down upon the Table, and I took it up---*Jacob Stevens*, *Henry Huff*, and *William Harding*, Junior, were with him when he gave the Money.

William Harding, Junior---*Huff*---and *Stevens*, acted in *Hollis*'s Intereſt.

(Croſs-examined.) Can't ſay when I firſt knew General *Smith* as a Candidate---not long before the Election---it might be a Month ---did not know it when General *Smith* came firſt.

I voted for *Hollis* and *Beckford*---*Beckford*'s Brother canvaſſed me---ſaw *Beckford* in the Street the Morning of the Election, and at the *Lamb*---received no Money from him---nor from any Perſon on his Account.

Don't know what Month it was in that I was at *Saliſbury*---as ſoon as we came to *Saliſbury*, we went to *Stevens*'s Houſe, who was not at home; and was directed to go to the *Antelope*---we all went into the Kitchen firſt---*Mead* called *Stevens* out, and aſked him to lend him Half a Crown---and then went into the Parlour---*Stevens* ſaid he would nor lend one Farthing, nor did not---he ſtaid there all the while.

I went to the *White Horſe*, in *September*, I believe---*Edward Mead* went up with me, and we came down together.

The Firſt Time I received Money on this Occaſion was at *Haward*'s---can't ſay when it was---I apprehend it was for voting---I gave a Note for it---it was on the Table, and I ſigned it---I did not know who it was to vote for---I took the Money, to pay it again if demanded---I borrowed Money before, without knowing who I borrowed it of——only at Election Time——never expected to be called upon for it——I did not receive it for giving a Vote——never aſked ſuch a Queſtion——becauſe other People went after it, I went too——I don't think it was lent by *Beckford*——don't know upon whoſe Account.

Have been at the Malthouſe and received Money there——Five Guineas——gave a Note there——I underſtood it was lent by *William Beckett*, *Burnett*, and *Bye*——did not know who it was lent for——my Neighbours went after it, and I went after it too——Nothing was mentioned about Election.

Do you believe it was given on Account of the Election?

I don't

I don't believe about it——I thought they were Friends to me for lending me the Money——I borrowed Money before of *Bye*, but not on Election Account——I don't believe that the Money borrowed at the Malthouſe was on Election Account——I ſigned Notes at every Place where I received Money——did not know what they were——All I ſaw there were Voters.

(*Court.*) In what Manner did you borrow the other Money you mentioned, of *Bye?*

I aſked him to lend me Half a Guinea, and he did——I went to his Houſe——The Money at the Malthouſe was put through the Hole of a Door.

The Reaſon I expected to receive the Fifteen Guineas at *Saliſbury* was, becauſe it was reported in the Town, that Fifteen Guineas were to be given.

Withdrew.

THOMAS MORE, (Clockmaker) ſworn.

Have lived at *Hindon* Thirty Years——am a Voter——know the Two *Nairns*——Remember General *Smith* firſt coming to *Hindon*——The firſt Time I ſaw him was at the *Angel*——*George Neal*'s——A Treat was given by *Smith*——There were the Parſon and Captain with him——I had a Converſation with General *Smith* at the *Angel*——*Henry Huff*, *John Hooper*, and *Robert Rowden*, and the Two *Nairns*, were with him——it was in the Dining Room below Stairs——ſome others were preſent.

I aſked General *Smith*, why he had not made all the Voteſmen alike——and why he did not make One and all?——He ſaid he meant One and all, and every Man ſhould be ſatisfied, and ſoon——The Parſon then catched me by the Hand, and deſired me to proceed no further at that preſent Time, for he and the General would wait on every Man, who had not received the Favour, at their own Houſes——ſaid nothing more——they took their Leave, and went away——Never heard any Thing more afterwards——I remember ſeeing the Parſon ſtanding over-againſt a Barber's Shop, in *Hindon*, the *Saturday* before the Election, 8th of *October*——I then aſked him what was the Reaſon that we were not all ſatisfied——he anſwered, we ſhou'd, and that very ſoon——It was in the Afternoon——Know *Thomas Spencer* and *Howell*——they came to me ſeveral Times that Day——*Howell* deſired me to go as far the *George*, for Captain *Nairn* wanted to ſpeak to me——He came to me Two or Three Times——I did not go.

Mrs. *Punch* called at our Houſe——I was not at Home——gave ſomething to my Daughter——ſhe gave it to my Son——I never received it.

Knows

Knows *Stevens*——Went to *Saliſbury*, the 4th of *September*, *(Sunday)* I heard a Preſent was to be given——went to *Jabber Stevens*——not at Home——ſent for him, and he came home ——When he came Home, I told him, I came for *Hollis*'s Favour——He ſaid he had nothing to do with it; but I was to go to the *Three Lyons*——in about Half an Hour, he would be at the Door waiting for me——I went and found him there ——He told me to go into a little Room, and I ſhould ſee a Man who would ſatisfy me, and give me the Favour——he gave me Directions to the Room——Found a little thin young Man there——He aſked me my Name——I told him——and he told me to ſign my Name to a Note——then he offered me Fifteen Guineas——a Bank Note, and the reſt in Caſh——I told him, my Son was to have it, I underſtood——Then he aſked if my Son was there——I ſaid No——Then he ſaid he could not ſerve us both——I would not receive it, becauſe I had not it for my Son——I went out then, and went to the Market-Place, and found *Stevens*, and told him what had paſſed ——*Stevens* ſaid, if there is nothing for your Son, it is my Miſtake; and he ſaid he would go back and have it altered——he told me to go to drink at the *Black Dog*——I went——*Stevens* came to the Door, and told me to go back to the ſame Room, and I ſhould meet with every Thing I expected——I found the young Man there——then received Fifteen Guineas for myſelf, and Fifteen for my Son——and gave a Note—— I underſtood it was for *Hollis*——I underſtood *Stevens* was *Hollis*'s Agent.

(Croſs-examined.) I was quite ſatisfied with this Thirty Guineas——I received no more——I aſked *Stevens* for the Favour of *Hollis*'s—— He anſwered, he had nothing to do with it——Can't remember who I told of it——can't ſay when I told of it——Was at *Woodyate*——was there with *William Penny*——was at *Nathaniel Beckford*'s Houſe——*Penny* was with me——*Richard Beckford* was there; he ſaid he would give no Money——no Talk of leaving Money in any Hands——no Mention of *Penruddock* while I was there.

Can't remember any more Perſons, who came with General *Smith* to the *Angel Inn*, than I have mentioned——there might be Twenty in the Room——young *Harry Huff* was there—— People near enough to hear what I and General *Smith* ſaid.

When the Parſon caught me by the Hand, when I ſaid what the People told me——General *Smith* ſtaid to hear the Converſation——The Parſon ſaid the General ſhould wait at every body's Houſe.

I was

I was well ſatisfied at laſt with what I received at *Saliſbury* ——Thoſe that did ſatisfy me, I would give them a Vote—— I voted for *Beckford*, being a neighbouring Gentleman.

When I ſpoke to *Nairn*, over-againſt the Barber's Shop, I was not ſatisfied then——Several of the Town were diſſatisfied with the General——The General ſaid he would ſatisfy them all——Don't know that they were all ſatisfied.

The Reaſon I did not vote for *Smith* was, becauſe he did not ſatisfy People in good Order——many were left out, and did not receive the Favour.

Withdrew.

JOHN MORE (a Clock and Watch-maker) ſworn.

Remember being at *Hindon* the *Saturday* Night before the Election——*Thomas Spencer* called at my Door, and went a little higher, and afterwards came and called to me, and ſaid, *John*, I want to ſpeak to you; accordingly I went down the Town, and ſaw a Woman, a Figure in Diſguiſe, who went by the Name of Mrs. *Punch*——the Figure catched hold of my Hand, and put Three Pieces of Paper into it, each contained Five Guineas, Fifteen in the Whole——never received any thing before——not explained what for——I underſtood it was for the Election——I heard a great many Voters ſay, they had taken it of Mrs. *Punch*, ——only given to the Voters of *Hindon*——I gave my Vote for *Hollis* and *Smith*.

——Who attended Mrs. *Punch*?

Saw Nobody I knew but *Thomas Spencer*——*Sunday* Night Three Pieces of Paper was brought to the Back of my Father's——*Thomas Howell* came and knocked at the Door, and aſked if my Father was within, he wanted to ſpeak with him——I told him, my Father was not at home——he then ſaid, Go and tell your Siſter, I want to ſpeak to her——when ſhe came out, there was this Figure, and *Thomas Howell*——the Figure gave her Three Pieces of Paper at the Door——and when ſhe came in I opened them, and found Five Guineas in each——I told my Father when he came home——*Howell* bid me tell him——my Father never ſaw the Money——the Money is at Home.

(*Croſs-examined.*) Nothing was ſaid to me at either of theſe Times.

——(*Court.*) Can't ſay what Time at Night——it was Candle Light——my Father did not lay out that Night——he was gone to *Noyle*——don't know particularly who he went to there.

Withdrew.

Adjourned till *Monday* Ten o'Clock.

Lunæ, 6° die Februarii, 1775.

COMMITTEE proceed on *Hindon* Election.

And Mr. *Wilkinſon* (a Member of the Committee) being abſent;

The Houſe ordered the Committee to proceed the next Morning without him.

And the Committee was ordered to meet at Eleven o'Clock the next Morning.

Martis,

Martis, 7° die Februarii, 1775.

COMMITTEE proceed on *Hindon* Election.

Counsel for Petitioners proceed.

ELIAS STEVENS (Labourer) ſworn.

Have lived at *Hindon* all my Life——am a Voter——received no Money for my Vote, to my Knowledge——I have heard of General *Gold*, received no Money from him, to my Knowledge——My Wife received Five Guineas of *John Beckett*, the Baker——Remember General *Smith* coming to the Borough——may be Two or Three Months before the Election——The Two *Nairns*, *Thomas Haward*, and ſome Hundreds beſides, were with him——they came to my Houſe——The General aſked me for my Voice and Intereſt for the enſuing Election—— The Two *Nairns* and *Becket* were with him at the Time——I told him and Parſon *Nairn* I could not give him a proper Anſwer, becauſe Parſon *Nairn* had deceived me——He aſked me the Reaſon he had deceived me——I told him, our Agreement, when firſt made, was to have the Town united One and all——Then Captain *Nairn* aſked why I would not give my Word, as the reſt of the Neighbours did——The General was cloſe by, and he ſaid, As ſure as God is God, you ſhall have no Fault to complain of me——I ſhould have every Thing I expected——Both the *Nairns* aſked me if they ſhould not ſet me down as a poſitive Friend——I ſaid No, it was not my Deſire——then they went out of my Houſe—— When I ſaid they had deceived me, I meant, becauſe when the firſt Five Guineas was given at *Haward*'s, they promiſed to let go Five Guineas more in a Twelvemonth, and had not; ſo the Town was greatly diſſatisfied——Saw the *Nairns* again that Evening, at the *George*, with *Thomas Howell*——Had a Converſation ——I went in, and aſked if there was any Thing to drink?——I went up Stairs with *Thomas Philips*, and found the Two *Nairns* and *Howell* in the Room——went into a Room over the New Room——One of the *Nairns* aſked me, whether they ſhould ſet me down as a poſitive Friend, as the reſt of the Neighbours were?——aſked *Philips* the ſame——we anſwered, Yes——They ſaid, they could do no Buſineſs while we were in the Room, and aſked I and *Philips* to drink

——we

——we went down Stairs and got a Glaſs of Wine——I found all my Neighbours had ſet themſelves down poſitive, and I thought I had no Reaſon to ſtand out.

I went round the Town with Mrs. *Punch* on *Saturday* Night before the Election——I went into one of *Lucas*'s Rooms in the *George*——there were in the Room *Joſeph Cholſey*, the Elder, my Father, *John Stevens*, and young *Thomas Howell*——that was all——We had ſome Liquor——Nothing particular happened——Nothing paſſed in the Room about Election, that I know of——*Punch* was dreſſed in a light-coloured Cloak, with a Straw Hat on——The Reaſon I went with *Punch* was, I heard ſhe was going about the Street——I met her about *Thomas Spencer*'s Houſe——the Two *Nairns* were with her——ſhe came out of *Thomas Spencer*'s Houſe the firſt Time I ſaw her——She went to the Back-ſide of the Town, to *Joſ. Cuff*'s, a Voter——I did not ſee her do any thing at *Cuff*'s——Called at the Door, Somebody ſhook Hands with her, and ſhe went away again——She did not call at any Houſe that were not Voters, that I know of——She called at ſome Scores of Houſes——the ſame Ceremony of ſhaking Hands went on at all Houſes——*Joſ. Cholſey*, the Elder, *Thomas Spencer*, myſelf, young *Thomas Howell*, and my Father, went round with her——I underſtood Five Guineas to have been given——Can't ſay who *Punch* was——different Reports——The Parſon was not there, to my Knowledge——My Wife got ſomething of Mrs. *Punch*, as well as other People——Can't ſay what it was.

I remember receiving Fifteen Guineas, at the *White Horſe*, of the *Saturday* Night——I heard ſay ſuch a Thing was to be had——they ſaid there were ſome Duds to be let go at the *White Horſe*——Some Score of Voters went there before——Went up into a Room with one *Hooper*, Senior, Hatter——*John Gane*, Threſher, and young *William Newton*, Blackſmith——all Voters——When we got there, found *Henry Huff*——*Benjamin Cholſey*, the Elder, and *Jacob Stevens*, and another Stranger.

What paſſed?

They told me ſome Money was to be lent——I ſigned a Paper with the other Three, and then put my Hand up to a Hole in a Door, and got a Paper——Fifteen Guineas in it——I can't ſay the others received it——I received it on no particular Account——*Benjamin Cholſey* and *Huff* voted for *Hollis*, I imagine—— Can't ſay whoſe Agents they were——I voted for *Beckford* and *Smith*.

(Croſs-examined.) When the General called at my Houſe, it was the firſt Time I ſaw him, to my Knowledge——No Agreement between him and me, to my Knowledge.

I was at the Malthouſe——can't ſay when——I went by myſelf——found a great many People there——*Francis Mead* and *Harding* were there——I received Five Guineas at the Malthouſe, in the ſame Manner as at the *White Horſe*, at the Hole of a Door——I went in

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and ſigned a Note before I got the Money——*Harding* and *Mead* witneſſed it——Three ſigned the Note with me, they were Voters ——Don't know what I received the Money for——Can't recollect who ſigned the Note with me.

I meant when *Smith* had been guilty of a Breach of the Agreement, he was to let go again in Twelve Months, and he did not come to his Time, that was the Reaſon of the Town's being uneaſy——The Town in general ſaid he was to let go again that Time Twelve Months.

——Withdrew.

THOMAS SPENCER (a Carpenter) ſworn.

Have lived at *Hindon* about Eleven Years——am a Voter——am well acquainted with the Neighbours in the Town by Name.

——Do you know of any Voters receiving Money a little before the Election?

It was rumoured that People received ſome——but can't ſay——A general Report that Voters received Money in a Paper——don't remember I ever ſaw any body receive any——know the *George* (*Lucas*'s) remember a Number of Voters coming together——I don't know, but by general Rumour, what they came for——I ſaw Voters at the *George* receive Papers, and put their Names to Notes ——The firſt Time was about *Eaſter*.

Can you name any who put their Names to Notes at the *George*?

——*Joſeph Norton*, a Cordwainer (Voter) when he put his Name to the Note, he put his Hand up to the Place where the Paper was put through——whether he knew the Courſe, or whether he was bid to do it, I can't tell.

What does Courſe mean?

The reſt of the Neighbours came, and he went to the ſame Place ——in the Room with *John Becket*, Baker, *Thomas Howell*, the Elder, and me when *Norton* was there, Three other Voters were with him——it was the Courſe for Four to put their Hands to the Notes——Don't know the Three that came up with *Norton*——Never told what was contained in that Paper——I ſaw Money and Papers on the Table——I believe it was Money they received.

What Room was that Table in?

The other Side the Door, where the Money was on the Table——I ſaw a Perſon there, but don't know who he was; believe he put the Money through——he went by the Name of *Stubb*——the Name the Notes were made payable to——Know *James Cuffi*, a Butcher; can't ſay I ſaw him put his Name to the Note; don't recollect I ſaw him in the Room——Know *John Edwards*, Labourer, and Voter, he was in the Room, and put his Hand

Hand to a Note, and had the Paper——*William Stevens*, Junior, lives with his Father, who is a Clock-maker——he went as a Voter, he was not at the *George* then——*John Marsham*, a Sawyer, was there, and put his Hand to the Note, and had the Paper——I heard him give his Vote for *Smith* and *Hollis*——voted in the Rotation that you see him——Know *John Edwards*, a Voter (Glazier) he signed the Note, and had the Paper——Know *John Larkham*, a Carpenter, don't recollect he was in the Room——know *Reynalder Bowles*, a Voter——he had the Money, and signed the Note——Know *Joseph Cholsey*, the Younger (Voter) he signed the Note, and I believe had the Paper——Know *John Davis*, the Elder——Voter——he had the Money, and signed the Note——Know *Richard Erwood*, Thatcher, can't recollect whether he was there or not.

——Did he (*Erwood*) receive Money, upon Account of his Vote, there or any where else?

Never heard him say he had.

Know *Samuel Daw*, a Maltster, and Voter, he signed the Note, and received the Paper——Know *William Chiverell*, a Labourer——I believe he signed the Note——can't positively say——Know *Thomas Harding*, Labourer, he signed the Note, and had the Paper——*James Edwards*, a Glazier, and Voter, signed the Note, and had the Paper——*Joseph Cholsey*, the Elder (Maltster and Voter) sign'd the Note, and had the Paper——*Henry Oborn*, Labourer; can't say whether he did or did not receive it; on Second Thought, I remember he was there, and signed the Note, and had the Paper——*John Penny*, a Sawyer, he signed the Note, and had the Paper——I mean all those who signed the Note received the Paper——Don't remember *James Smart* was at the *George*——*John Randall*, a Labourer and Voter, signed the Note——*Edward Ranger*, I believe, did not sign it——*Stephen Harding* (a Voter) signed ——*John Dewe*, Post-Boy, don't know he signed——*Luke Becket* (Voter) Son of *Walter*, signed——*William Snook*, Gardener (Voter) signed——*Philip Becket*, Senior, (Voter) Butcher, signed; lives next Door to *Snook*——*Harry Jukes*, Glazier, signed; lives next Door but one to *Phillip Becket*——*Edward Becket*, Senior, (a Voter) signed——*Richard Pitman* (Voter) signed——*Thomas Wier* did not sign——*Isaac Moody*, Cordwainer, (Voter) signed——*William Hacker*, Wheeler, can't say——*Reuben Burnett* did not sign——*John Bishop*, (Voter) signed——*Edward Halliday*, can't say——*Walter Beckett*, Son of *Walter*, (Voter) signed——*Samuel Collier* did not——*George Spender*, Junior, signed——*John Beckett*, Son of *William*, a Mason (Voter) don't remember seeing him there——*John Chiverel*, Labourer, (Voter) signed——*John Dukes*, Senior, Labourer, don't remember he did——*John Dukes*, Junior, don't

don't remember that he ſigned——*Robert Wier*, Labourer, don't believe he did——*Moſes Weeks*, Breeches-maker (Voter) ſigned——*George Dukes*, a Labourer, can't ſay——*Thomas Stevens* (*Jobber*) a Labourer, (Voter) ſigned——*William Spendar*, can't ſay——*John Hart*, Currier, did not ſign——*George Haward*, can't ſay——*Edward Tulich* (Voter) ſigned——*Matthew Davis*, Labourer, (Voter) ſigned—*John Ingram* (Voter) ſigned——*Edward Mead* (Voter) ſigned ——*Philip Beckett*, Junior, can't ſay——*Andrew Farrett* ſigned ——*Henry Ferrard*, (Voter) ſigned——*William Brookes* ſigned; I heard him vote——don't recollect any Thing remarkable in his giving his Vote——*John Gilbert*, I believe, did not ſign——*John Stevens*, Breeches-maker, don't remember he did ſign——*Elias Stevens*, Hag, (Voter) ſigned; is the ſame Man who was examined laſt——*John Davis*, Junior, Labourer, (a Voter) ſigned—— *Thomas Howell* did not ſign——*William Day*, don't recollect he did ——*Walter Percy*, (Voter) ſigned——*John Becket*, Baker, he did and he did not.

Explain what you mean?

——He ſigned as a Witneſs, not as a Teſtator——he ſigned the Whole of them as a Witneſs, as I remember——*Edward Shergold*, can't ſay he did ſign—*Benjamin Becket*, can't ſay——*William Harding*, Cooper, did not ſign—*Edward White*, Hedger, (Voter) ſigned—*John Hooper*, Senior, can't ſay——*Samuel Farthing* ſigned——*William Newton*, Senior, ſigned—*William Neſbic* ſigned—*Francis Mead* did not ſign, for there was not Money enough left——*John Hooper*, Junior, ſigned——*William Harden*, Son of *William Harden*, Innholder, did not ſign——*William Lucas* did not ſign——*William Newton*, Junior, ſigned——*James Percy*, can't ſay——*William Abraham* did not ſign, never ſaw him take any Money at any Time——*Henry Huff*, Senior, cannot ſay poſitively——*Henry Huff*, Junior, don't remember—— *John More* did not ſign——*Benjamin Cholſey*, Junior, ſigned—— *Thomas More* did not ſign——*William Penny* did not ſign——*Nicholas Folliatt* did not ſign——*Nathaniel Cuff* ſigned——*John Baldwyn* ſigned——*John Becket* (Maſter of the *Swan*) did not ſign——*George Neale* did not ſign——*Luke Tyley* did not ſign——*James Wier*, Grocer, ſigned——*John Bell* ſigned—*George Spender*, Senior, ſigned—*Henry Burnett* did not ſign—*James Anderſon*, Junior, (Patten-maker) ſigned——*William Lamb* ſigned—*Joſeph Lamb* ſigned——*Edward White* (the Rat-catcher) ſigned——*William Crabb* ſigned——*Robert Wier*, Butcher, ſigned——*Matthew White*, Junior, don't remember——*Matthew Stevens*, Labourer, ſigned——*William White*, can't ſay——*Richard Ingram*, don't recollect his being there—*Francis Ranger*, Labourer, he ſigned——*William Percy*, can't ſay——*Elias Pitman* ſigned—— *William Cuff*, Senior, (Hedger) ſigned—*Matthew White*, Senior, ſigned ——*William Stevens*, Hag, don't remember his being there—*George Stevens*, Hag, ſigned—*John Stevens*, Senior, Hag, ſigned—*James Stevens*

Hag, Son of *John*, signed——*John Stevens* Hag, the Younger, signed——*John Wier* signed——*Benjamin Cholsey*, the Elder, signed——*William Ranger* signed——*Thomas Stevens*, Hag, signed——*Francis Chiverel* signed——*Charles Wier* signed——*James Wier*, Labourer, don't recollect——*John Merchant*, don't remember he did——*John Dowle* did not sign——*John White*, can't say——Nobody signed for him by his Direction——*William Wier*, can't say——*James Anderson*, Senior, signed,——*John Becket* (Sievier) signed——*Thomas Wier* signed——*Luke Becket*, (Sievier) signed——*Roger Spender*, don't remember he did——*Edward Becket* (Mason) signed——*Charles Simpson* signed——*Robert Day* signed——the Reverend *John Nairn* did not sign——*William Cuff*, Junior, signed——*Robert Tyler*, otherwise *Small*, signed——*George Stevens*, Senior, who lives next to *Small*, did not sign——*Elias Stevens*, Son of *George Stevens*, Senior, did not sign——*James Stevens*, Brother to the former, did not sign——*Isaac Savage* signed——*William Burnett* did not sign——*William Gillam* signed——*William Pond*, did not sign——*Archibald Hunter* did not sign——*Henry Savage* signed——*James Lambert* did not sign——*John Stevens* (Labourer) Son of *Henry*, did not sign——*James Cuff* did not sign——*William Beckett* (Mason) did not sign——*Thomas Shergold*, Senior, did not sign——*Thomas Richardson* did not sign——*Jervoice Gilbert* signed——*Thomas Shergold*, Junior, did not sign——*Thomas Percy* signed——*John Ranger* signed——*Edward Percy* signed——*Robert Gilbert* signed——*Thomas Lanham* signed——*Joseph Gilbert*, don't remember he did——*John Richardson* signed——*William Dukes* signed——*Richard Smith* did not sign——*Thomas Douglas* did not sign——*Henry Lambert*, his Son signed for him——he had the Money for him——*William Prior*, Senior, did not sign——*James Warne* did not sign——*Thomas Dukes* signed——*Roger Norton* signed——*William Bye*, the Elder, did not sign——*Thomas Bye* did not sign——*William Bye*, Junior, did not sign——*Joseph Moody* signed——*Joseph Cuff*, Senior, a Butcher, did not sign——*James Davis*, don't remember——*James Gilbert*, signed——*Thomas Philips* did not sign——*John Gane*, don't recollect——*John Beckett*, Butcher, his Brother signed for him——*Luke Mead* signed——*Nathaniel Philips* signed——*Joseph Norton* signed——both *Nortons* signed——*Samuel Norton*, can't say positively——*John Ransom* signed——*Thomas Brooks* signed——*William Harden*, Senior, (keeps the *White Horse*) did not sign——*John Harden* (Farmer) did not sign——*Thomas Harden* (Taylor) signed——*John Harden*, Taylor, signed——*Samuel Philips* signed——*Joseph Scammel*, signed——*William Sandel*, Senior, signed——*Luke Marshman*, Junior, don't recollect he did——*James Goff*, can't say——*Luke Marshman*,

Marſhman, Senior, ſigned——*John Marſhman* (Maltſter) don't recollect he did——*Richard Harden*, Taylor, ſigned——*William Sandel*, Junior, ſigned——*Francis Ingram* ſigned——*James Burley* did not ſign——*William Harden*, Labourer, ſigned——*Thomas Fielde* ſigned——*Samuel Fielde* ſigned——*John Bowles* ſigned——*James Richardſon* did not ſign——*Richard Beckett* did not ſign——*Obadiah Ranger* (lives between *Richard Becket* and *Thomas Becket*, and voted for *Smith* and *Hollis*) ſigned——*Joſeph Becket* did not ſign.

Was acquainted with Mrs. *Punch*, *Joan* was her Name——I went about the Town with her——don't know who it was dreſſed in that Habit.

Have you any Reaſon to think it was one Perſon more than another?

No——did not ſee any body dreſs her——ſaw her on *Saturday* Night before the Election, at my own Houſe; ſhe came through the Shop into the Kitchen where I was——came out of the Street——that was the firſt Time I ever ſaw her——had been at Home half an Hour before that——had been round about the Town before ſhe came——ſhe came by herſelf——*Thomas Howell* was in the Kitchen when ſhe came——he had been about the Town with me all Day——not with Mrs. *Punch*——After ſhe came, I told it about the Town, that *Joan* was coming about——when ſhe came in, ſhe ſaid the Buſineſs that *William Becket*, *William Burnett*, and I, laſt talked of was quite ſettled.

What Buſineſs did you underſtand ſhe talked of?

Burnett, *Becket*, *Bye*, *John Dowle*, and *Jonathan Folliat*, were out of Pocket 600 Guineas——they ſaid, that if any Gentleman would diſcharge this 600 Guineas they would be for him.

What was meant by ſettling their Affairs?

William Burnett and *Becket*, on their Way from *Salisbury*, ſaid, if they could be paid that Money again, they would be for that Gentleman.

What more was ſaid about the 600 Guineas by theſe Two Gentlemen?

They were going to *Salisbury* to meet *Calthorpe*, and would bring Things about, that there ſhould be no Oppoſition——I aſked them when they would give me a poſitive Anſwer about the 600 Guineas——they ſaid they wou'd do what they cou'd to uſe their Intereſt with *Calthorpe*, in Caſe I cou'd perſuade Mr. *Smith* and *Hollis* to diſcharge the Debt——they promiſed me an Anſwer in a few Days——they wanted to put it off till the Election Day, which I objected to——they ſaid they wou'd give me an Anſwer in a few Days, and ſettled at laſt for *Saturday*——accordingly on *Saturday* Night Mrs. *Punch* came to my Houſe——when ſhe came

in, I ſaid, What do you want with me? She ſaid, the Buſineſs *William Beckett*, *Burnett*, and I, laſt talked of, was quite ſettled—She ſaid that *Bye*, *Burnett*, *Beckett*, and *Francis Mead* had ſent her to me ——She deſired me to go round the Town with her, to ſhew her all the People's Houſes——ſhe had a Liſt of Names to whom I was to introduce her in the Town——ſome Voters, ſome not——ſome Houſekeepers, ſome not——Names of ſome People rejected after——I did not expect Mrs. *Punch* to call on me——ſhe had a broad Voice——I went with her.

What Converſation before you went out?

I enquired who were to be the Members, and in what Manner compromiſed; and ſhe ſaid, ſhe could not tell—did not tell what ſhe was to call for at theſe Houſes---Then I went round with her, Two Hours almoſt---Before I went from my Houſe, *Elias Stevens*, *Thomas Howell*, both *Cholſeys*, and *Thomas Stevens* (Hag) went all round with her---did not aſk them to go---The Firſt Houſe I went to was *Joſeph Norton*'s---*Punch* ſtopped there; either the Man or his Wife came out; *Punch* held out her Hand, as tho' ſhe gave ſomething.

What did ſhe do at all the other Houſes?

Shook Hands with moſt of the People---don't know where ſhe went after---She had not done all; as I remember, ſhe ſaid, I have not done as much as I ſhou'd To-night---I was told ſhe danced again on *Sunday*.

Upon what Account was the Money at the *George* given?

I underſtoood, for our Votes for one General *Gold*---can't ſay who he turned out to be afterwards---Can't ſay in whoſe Intereſt *Punch* danced---it was ſuſpected in General *Smith*'s.

(Croſs-examined.) Remember General *Smith* firſt coming to *Hindon*, and his going to the *Croſs*---was near him, at his Elbow---I remember ſomething of what he ſaid while there---He ſaid, he came to offer himſelf as a Candidate for that Borough, and he hoped for their Suffrages on the Day of Election.

What did the People ſay to him?

Two or Three Cries——ſome hallooed *Smith*, and ſome hiſſed —— they ſaid, One and all —— *Reuben Burnett*, who was the Leader, ſwore, and ſaid, One and all——they all cried One and all——the General turned about, and ſaid, *Spencer*, what do they mean by One and all?——I ſaid, ſay One and all to them——he ſtood up and ſaid, he reſpected the Town as One Man, and hoped for their Suffrages, One and all, on the Day of Election; and ſaid, he ſhou'd be ſorry any One Man ſhou'd be grieved at his coming——he did not ſay One and all.

Had no Authority to ſpeak of the Compromiſe, from General *Smith*, of *Burnet* and *Beckett*---I did it of my own Head, to ſee what Grounds I ſtood upon.

What

What paſſed on the Day of Election, concerning this Compromiſe of 600 Guineas between *Bye* and *Becket*?

Bye ſaid, they were 600 Guineas out of Pocket, and had no Right to loſe their Money, as they did it to ſupport *Calthorpe*'s Intereſt ---and if he did not come, they had no Right to loſe the Money ---*Bye* ſaid, if General *Smith* or *Hollis*, or both, would pay the Money, they would throw out Mr. *Beckford*'s Intereſt.

How long before *Punch*'s Wife danced, was this Converſation?

Punch danced *Saturday* before the Election---this Converſation was on *Wedneſday* before---*Burnet* and I talked a good deal of it---*Burnet* ſaid, he ſhould be ruined if he had not it?

Did they tell you, when they had been at *Saliſbury*, any Thing about the 600 Guineas---whether it was to be paid or no?

They did not ſay, that they had any Authority from any body to bring Matters about.

There was a Talk about the Town of adminiſtering the Bribery Oath---I aſked *Bye*, if they meant to ſwear the Town---he ſaid No, it was only a falſe Report about the Town---and he wou'd not do it, if he loſt all the Money———As they had been guilty too of Bribery, I aſked how they cou'd adminiſter the Bribery Oath to forſwear the Town.———

The Bribery Oath was not adminiſtered at the Election---neither Candidates propoſed it.

In what Capacity was you at the *George*, when you ſaw the Voters ſign the Notes in the outer Room?

I was ſent for to the *George* to take a Liſt of the People who ſigned Notes and received Money---don't know who I was employed by ---The Notes were drawn on one *Stubbs*.

---When they promiſed to meet me, to give me an Anſwer on *Saturday*, they gave me no Anſwer.

When I ſaid the Town was bribed on both Sides, I meant, I underſtood General *Smith* had bribed---and *Punch* and the Malthouſe was Bribery.

I don't recollect whether, when Mrs. *Punch* went about the Town, we called on any who were not Voters.

Whether the Liſt Mrs. *Punch* had, was the ſame Names as in the Liſt you took at the *George*?———

———A great many more in it---I well recollect Mrs. *Punch* had Woman's Shoes on.

Adjourned till To-morrow at Ten o'Clock.

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Mercurii, 8° die Februarii, 1775.

COMMITTEE proceed on *Hindon* Election.

Counsel for Petitioners proceed.

THOMAS SPENCER, again ſworn.

(Court.) When I took a Liſt of the Names at the *George*, of thoſe who took the Money, there were, as near as I can recollect, about One hundred and Sixty, a few more or leſs.

When Mrs. *Joan* went round the Town, ſhe was furniſhed with a Liſt of the Voters——there were a great many more Names than in mine——there appeared to be Two hundred ——I remember a great many in that Liſt, which were not in the Liſt at the *George*——I believe it contained a Liſt of all the Voters at *Hindon*——She did not call upon every Body that was on that Liſt.

Have you any Reaſon to believe, after both Viſits of *Saturday* and *Monday*, it was One and all?—I don't remember it was. I had no Anſwer on the *Saturday* to the Propoſal of *Beckett* and *Burnett* about the Six hundred Guineas——I met *Bye* after, at the *George*, on the Election Day in the Morning, with the Two *Nairns*—— Captain *Nairn* ſince told me, that *Bye* offered to throw up *Calthorpe*, if the Six hundred Guineas ſhould be given up.

Withdrew.

JOHN BECKETT (Baker) ſworn.

Remember *Francis Ward* being at *Hindon*——wrote Notes for him——have not a Liſt of thoſe who received Money at *Haward's*, in *February* 1773——I made out a Liſt, but it is loſt ——No Liſt of thoſe who received at *Lucas's*, (the *George*.)

Joſeph Cuff, of the *Dean*, received Money at *Haward's* and at *Lucas's*; *William Stevens* received at *Lucas's*; but am not certain as to *Haward's*.

I mean every body who ſigned received Money——and thoſe who received Money ſigned——*John Larkham* (a Fuller) received it at *Lucas's*; but not certain as to *Haward's*——*Richard Erwood*,

wood received at *Lucas*'s; not ſure as to *Haward*'s——*William Chiverel*; am not certain he received any where —— *Thomas Spencer*; don't know of him——*James Smart* received at both Places——*Edward Ranger* received at both Places——*John Dewe* received at both Places——*Thomas Wier* (Sawyer) received at *Haward*'s; not certain as to *Lucas*'s——*William Hacker* received at both Places——*Reuben Burnett* did not receive at either——*Edward Halliday* received at both Places——*Samuel Collier* received at *Lucas*'s; not ſure as to *Haward*'s——*John Beckett* (Son of *William*) I did not ſee him receive at either——*John Dukes*, Senior, did not receive at either——*John Dukes*, Junior, received at both——*Robert Wier*, Labourer, received at *Haward*'s; not abſolutely certain as to *Lucas*'s——*George Dukes* received at both Places——*William Spender*; not certain he received at either——*John Hart* did not receive at either Place——don't know whether he was a Manager——*Philip Beekett*, Junior, received at both Places——*John Gilbert* received at both Places——*John Stevens*, Breeches-maker, received at both Places——*Thomas Howell*, Carpenter, did not receive at all——*William Day* received at both Places——*Edward Shergold* received at both Places——*Benjamin Beckett* received at *Haward*'s——never ſaw him at *Lucas*'s——*William Harden*, Cooper, did not receive any where——*John Hooper*, Senior, received at both Places——*Francis Mead*; don't know he received any——*William Harden*, Son of *William*, did not receive——*William Lucas* did not receive any where——*James Percy*, am not certain ——*William Abraham*, (ſometimes called *Abrey* the Poſt Boy) did not receive any where——*Henry Huff*, Junior, received at both Places——*Henry Huff*, Senior, received at both Places——*John More*, am not certain he received at either Place——*Thomas More*, don't know——*William Penny*, don't know——*Nicholas Follet* did not receive——*John Becket* of the *Swan*, did not——*George Neale* did not——*Luke Tyley* did not——*Henry Burnett* did not——*Matthew White*, Junior, received at both Places——*William White* received at both Places——*Richard Ingram* received at both Places——*William Percy* received at *Haward*'s——*William Stevens*, Hag, received at both Places——*James Wier* received at both Places——*John Marchant*, am not certain he received at either Place——*John Dowle* did not receive at all——*John White* received at both Places——*William Wier* received at both Places——*Roger Spendor*, am not certain he received at either Place——I mean I ſaw them all ſign and receive a Paper——*George Stevens*, of the *Roſe and Crown*, did not receive——*Elias Stevens*, Son of *George*, received at *Lucas*'s——*James Stevens* received at *Lucas*'s——*William Burnett* received no where, that I know of——*William Pond*

did not receive—— *Archibald Hunter* received no where—— *James Jambert* received at *Lucas*'s—am ſure he was at *Lucas*'s—— *James Cuff* did not receive—— *William Beckett* did not receive—— *Thomas Shergold*, Senior, did not receive—— *Thomas Richardſon* did not receive—— *Thomas Shergold*, Junior, did not receive—— *Joſeph Gilbert* received at *Lucas*'s—— *Richard Smith* did not receive—— *Thomas Douglas* did not receive—— *William Prior* did not receive—— *James Ward* did not receive—— *William Bye*, Senior, did not receive—— *Thomas Bye* did not receive—— *William Bye*, Junior, did not receive—— *Joſeph Cuff* did not receive—— *James Davis* received at *Haward*'s—— *Thomas Philips* did not receive any where —— *John Gane* received at both Places—— *Samuel Norton* received at *Haward*'s—— *William Harden*, of the *White Horſe*, did not receive—— *John Harden* did not receive—— *Luke Marſhman*, Junior, received at *Haward*'s—— *James Goff*, am not certain he received at either Place—— *Luke Marſhman*, Senior, received at both Places—— *John Marſhman*, Maltſter, received at *Lucas*'s—— *James Burley*, received nothing—— *James Richardſon* received nothing—— *Richard Beckett* received nothing—— *Joſ. Becket* received nothing.

I know nothing about Mr. or Mrs. *Punch*.

There was a prodigious Quantity of Money given by Mr. *Ward* ——he ſaid, He would lend it to poor neceſſitous People; which was the Reaſon of all thoſe People meeting together, and was not on Election Account——it was to be paid again when called for ——I never ſaw any Money on the Table——*Ward* told me he had a Quantity of Money——there were Twenty Guineas in a Note, and Four ſigned each Note——the Notes were drawn in *Ward*'s Name at *Haward*'s.

(Croſs-examined.) Know nothing of the Malthouſe——Notes were drawn in *Richard Stubb*'s Name at *Lucas*'s——there he gave the Money through the Hole of a Door——he was in an inner Room by himſelf——the Notes were put to the Gentleman, and he put the Money through the Hole——I was preſent at both Places.

Withdrew.

CHARLES PENRUDDOCK, Eſquire, (a Member of the Houſe) ſworn.

Member for the County of *Wilts*.

Whether, at any Time, any Money was depoſited in your Hands for the Purpoſe of the Election?

Not One Shilling——no Propoſition of that Sort was ever made to me——I never mentioned a Word upon the Subject to any body—— if any body had made any ſuch Propoſition, I ſhould have thought it

it an Affront to me——and would have appeared againſt the Perſon at this Committee.

Withdrew.

HENRY HUFF, Senior, (Baker) ſworn.

Do you know of any Sums of Money being diſtributed at the *White Horſe*, on the Third of *September* laſt?

On the Third of *September* I was there, when Money was lent to the Voters of *Hindon*.

In what Manner was it given?

Four ſigned a Note——Sixty Guineas in each Note——Fifteen Guineas apiece——I ſaw a Hole in a Door——ſaw ſome Notes put in——did not take a Liſt of Names there——Know *Joſeph Newton*——know *Joſeph Cuff*, of the *Dean*; ſaw him there——don't know whether he received any Money or not.

Do you know of any Perſons receiving it?

Only One or Two——*Benjamin Cholſey*, Senior, and *Benjamin Cholſey*, Junior——Can't ſay what Number of People were there ——I went there to drink a Glaſs or Two of Punch——Can't take upon me to ſay there were 150——there might be Twenty, Thirty, or Forty——a great many——Out of my Power to know what they came for——Never heard any Body propagate that they came to receive Fifteen Guineas——ſome came to borrow Fifteen Guineas apiece, and give Notes——I might ſee Forty——there might be more than Sixty or Eighty——don't know who paid the Money——did not ſee the Man pay the Money——I ſaw a Gentleman in the Room, but did not know who he was——did not know the Money was lent for their Votes.

(Croſs-examined.) I only ſaw the Two *Cholſeys* receive Money——don't know any others came to borrow Money, of my own Knowledge.

I remember the Malthouſe Buſineſs, the 13th of *November* 1773.

What paſſed there?

I and my Son went, as I heard from my Wife there was a Favour of *Calthorpe*'s to be given——*William Bye*, *William Beckett*, *William Burnett*, *William Harden*, *Luke Tyley*, *Francis Mead*, *William Penny*, and *John Dowle*, were there as Agents for *Calthorpe*.

How do you know they were Agents for *Calthorpe*?

Ever ſince I lived there (Seventeen Years) *Bye* and *Becket* were deemed to be Agents for *Calthorpe*——the Election before laſt, they acted for him——acted for him this Election likewiſe——*Calthorpe* has not been near the Place theſe Seven Years.

What paſſed at the Malthouſe?

I went to the Door——*William Beckett* and *William Bye* aſked my

my Son and I, whether we were willing to liſt——we made anſwer we came on purpoſe—— Underſtood it was for *Calthorpe*—— *Bye* produced a Note; and after my Son and I had ſigned it, the Note was carried by *Edward Becket* to another Door in the ſame Room, and was put over a Hole in the Door, or through the Door ——can't ſay which——then we were ordered by *Becket* to hold up our Hands, and we had Five Guineas put into each of our Hands——Nobody there but Son and I, that received it then—— There were a great many People at the front Door, but I ſaid nothing to them——they let in Two at a Time—was never there at any other Time——I ſaw *Becket* at the *Swan* at *Hindon*, either *Sunday* or *Sunday* Sennight following——he came to my Houſe, and there, in the Preſence of *Benjamin Cholſey*, Junior, *Martha Cholſey*, his Wife, myſelf, and others, *Becket* ſhook Hands with *Cholſey* and me, and told us, that every One who had received Mr. *Calthorpe*'s Five Guineas at the Malthouſe, ſhould have Ten Guineas more before the Election, either to vote for *Calthorpe* or his Friend——and that Mr. *Calthorpe* or his Friend ſhou'd be as good as any Gentleman whatſoever——I apprehend *William Penny* acted as Agent for *Beckford*.

Why do you think ſo?

Becauſe he made himſelf very buſy in endeavouring to get what Votes he could for Mr. *Beckford*—— I ſaw *Penny* and *Beckford* in the Street, oppoſite *Penny*'s Door——*Penny* told me ſeveral Times, that 4000 Guineas was lodged in Mr. *Penruddock*'s Hands——he ſaid it was to be diſtributed to thoſe who voted for *Beckford*, the Day after the Election, at Twenty-five Guineas a Man——A few Days before the Election, *Penny* came oppoſite my Door, and begged and deſired my Son and I to vote for *Beckford*; and ſaid, if we would, we ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas the Day after the Election.

I don't know that *Beckford* has been at *Penny*'s ſince the Election ——Suppers have been given at *Penny*'s, ſince the Election, on *Beckford*'s Account——Know *Fricker* and *Farrett*.

Did you hear *Farrett* ſwear, or ſay what he would ſwear if called upon?

I did hear him ſwear, out in Mr. *Penny*'s Yard, ſince the Election-Day——I ſat by my Fire-ſide, and heard *Andrew Farrett* and *John Fricker* ſwear many blaſphemous Oaths, and ſaid, they would ſay and ſwear any thing they were deſired, to be revenged of Mr. *Hollis* and *Smith*; and would be damned if Mr. *Beckford* ſhould not ſit in the Houſe——Both ſaid ſo——Don't know where *Fricker* is gone; only from what I have heard People ſay ſince I have been in *London*—— That he is gone to *Maryland*——I take *William Bye*, *William Becket*, and

and *John Becket*, to be Agents for *Calthorpe*——I thought the reſt were, from their being aſſembled together with them——*Calthorpe* put up his Friend at the laſt Election.

Withdrew.

[Counſel for Petitioners cloſed their Evidence.]

Adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Jovis, 9° die Februarii, 1775.

COMMITTEE proceed on *Hindon* Election.

Counsel for the Sitting Members open their Case.

HENRY CHANT, a Tideſman in the Port of *London*, ſworn.

Knows Mr. *Calthorpe*——I was bred up at *Hindon* from my Infancy ——Have converſed with Mr. *Calthorpe* relating to the Election ——Have been divers Times at *Calthorpe*'s Houſe——The firſt Converſation I had with him was laſt *March* Twelvemonth——went to his Houſe to him.

What paſſed?

I went to *Calthorpe*'s Houſe, in order to have a Houſe, to vote at *Hindon*——He ſaid there was no Houſe then vacant——He ſaid he ſhould write to Mr. *Still*, his Steward, at *Noyle*, and I ſhould have a Houſe before the Election——Had a Houſe, the Election before, for Mr. *Calthorpe*'s Friend *(Morant)*——He built up one on Purpoſe for me——He told me he had ſent Fifty Guineas to the Two *Beckets* and *Bye*, his Friends and Agents; to be diſtributed to the poor Electors at *Hindon*; and he ſaid that *Beckets* and *Bye* thought it more prudent to pay off their Taxes, than to diſtribute it among them——It was not accepted by the Town, and they ſent the Money back——Mr. *Calthorpe* read the Letter to me——He ſaid the Town had a Meeting——*Bye* was appointed by the Town to write to Mr. *Calthorpe*, and *Lucas* to write to Mr. *Douglas*, who was ſitting Member——The Tenor of Mr. *Bye*'s Letter, which Mr. *Calthorpe* received, was, that they wanted ſome Money——*Calthorpe* ſaid, it was a long Time then to the Election, but after Harveſt they ſhould have Five or Ten Guineas a Man; and his Guineas ſhould go as far as another Man's Guineas——but if the Town could get Twenty-five Shillings from any other Man, he would not blame them——but as he being Lord of the Manor, he thought the Town ſhould give him a Preference, if his Guinea went as far as another's——He (*Calthorpe*) aſked me if I had ſeen either *Hart* or *Mead*, who were in the Town——I told him I had ſupped with them the Night before, and ſhould dine with them the next Day

——He

——He deſired me to ſend them both to him——accordingly they both waited upon him——I was with *Calthorpe* the *Eaſter* following——laſt *Eaſter*.

What Converſation then?

I told him I had heard that ſome Money had been diſtributed to the Town of *Hindon*——I aſked him whether he had heard from *Still*, concerning the Houſe——He told me he had——but there was no Houſe vacant; but ſaid I need not make myſelf uneaſy; that I ſhould be made as good as any Man in the Town; and ſent ſome Money down to *Bye* and *Becket*, which was diſtributed, and he ſhould ſend ſome more; and that he was a Gentleman, and the Town ſhould always find him ſo.

Had you any further Converſation with him?

He told me, he ſhould write to *Still*, and I ſhould have an Anſwer about the Houſe——I was to call upon him on *Whitſunday*——he always left the Town then——I was bred up with *Bye* and *Becket*——have been in Company with them, and tranſacted Buſineſs with them, as Agents for *Calthorpe*——was with them at the laſt Election——firſt Converſation was laſt *March* Twelvemonth——am ſure of theſe Expreſſions as I have related——I came out and told *Smith*, a Brother Officer (a Voter) the Converſation, immediately——all that paſſed——I underſtood *Smith* had a Houſe under *Calthorpe*——Nobody was in the Room at the Time of this Converſation——The Servant paſſed backwards and forwards——We talked of nothing but the Election——I went upon Election Buſineſs——I told my Townſman *(Sheringham)* of it, the ſame Day——talked often of it among ourſelves when we met——I did not tell it to General *Smith*'s Friends——*Thomas Howell* and I have wrote to one another many Times, about different Buſineſs——when I was at *Hindon*, laſt Election, I talked about it——went the laſt Election in order to vote——I was to have a Houſe from *Calthorpe*——*Bye* and *Becket* told me they had been down to *Calthorpe*'s Country Seat——They told me ſo on board an *Indiaman*——and that Mr. *Calthorpe* declared the Town ſhould find him a Gentleman in every Shape——and they had diſburſed Five Guineas, and ſhould diſburſe Ten more before the Election——this was at the Malthouſe——*Bye* and *Becket* ſaid they had ſold *Richard Smith* a ſmall Houſe for Twelve Guineas, and that I ſhould have that Houſe——In conſequence of this, I went to *Hindon*——*Bye* told me he had been over to *Still*, and ſaid he did not mean to poll any Man who had not been there Forty Days——therefore I had not the Houſe——I was at *Hindon* a Week before the Election——*Bye* and I were always like Brothers——lodged at his Houſe all the Time——I never ſaw any Thing of Mrs. *Punch*——as I had no Vote, I did not go out to look after her——I dare ſay,

while

while I was at *Hindon*, I mentioned the Converſation between *Calthorpe* and myſelf many Times——the Agents were angry with him, and called him Names (they called him Hound's-Face)——*William Becket* called him ſo at this Election eight or nine Years ago.

Did you hear *Bye* or *Becket* ſay they were angry with *Calthorpe* about the Money diſburſed on his Account?

I heard them often ſay they diſburſed 600*l.* on *Calthorpe*'s Account, and diſtributed it at the Malthouſe by the Direction of Mr. *Calthorpe*——am very frequently with *Bye* now, and have talked of the 600*l.* ſince I have been in *London*, to *Bye* and *Becket*——don't know I have given any Account of this Converſation to *Hollis* or *Smith*'s Agents, before I was ſerved with the Order——after I was ſerved with the Order, I did give an Account of this Converſation——I went laſt *Eaſter* to *Calthorpe*'s by myſelf——ſtaid about an Hour——There was Nobody in the Room beſides ourſelves.

——Withdrew.

BENJAMIN CHOLSEY, Junior, ſworn.

Was at the Malthouſe the 13th and 15th of laſt *November* was Twelvemonth; I was Door-keeper both Days——went into the Parlour, and found there *William Bye*, *William Becket*, *John Becket*, *Francis Mead*, *Luke Tyley*, *William Harding* (Cooper) and *William Burnett*——they were drinking and ſmoaking together——*William Bye* aſked me to drink, and told me to drink Mr. *James Calthorpe*'s good Health, wiſhing him good Succeſs at the next enſuing Election, and their good Proceedings towards it that Night.

Any further Converſation with *Bye*?

He ſaid *James Calthorpe* is very willing to go into the Parliament Houſe once more, and he would give every Man in the Town, who had a Right to vote, Fifteen Guineas each to vote for him——Five Guineas now To-night, and Ten Guineas more before the Election; and he told me to go and let the Voters of the Town know it——he pulled a Key out of his Pocket, and called to his Couſin *Thomas*, who was in the Kitchen, and gave him this Key, to go into the little Pantry Place where the Money was, and put it out over the Door, where the Bricks were knocked out——then I went about and told the Voters what Mr. *Bye* had deſired me; ſome of them ſaid they would vote for him, and ſome ſaid not——When I came back to the Door, I found Twenty or Thirty there——thoſe who were in the Parlour aſked me what the Voters ſaid——and I told them——then they ſaid, if they could but get a fair Majority, they wiſhed for no more——I ſtood at the Door, and I let in Two at a Time——I let in Twenty or Thirty——I ſaw the People go to *Bye* Two at a Time, and ſigned a Note——The

Parlour

Parlour Door was open, and the Notes were handed away to the Pantry Place, and then *Bye* handed out a Paper of Five Guineas apiece to them——*Bye* told me the Voteſmen did not come briſkly, and deſired me to go to the Barbers Shops——I went and met my Father, and told him they were letting go Five Guineas apiece at the Malthouſe for *Calthorpe*; and he went——when I returned, *Bye* aſked me if I had received it——if not, told me to come in with the next Perſon who came, then *William Hacker* came, with whom I went in and received it——we gave a Note for it——*William Hacker* was then handed out at another Door—— I took my Money out of the Paper, and I ſaid to Mr. *Bye*, Who is to make the Money good, if it is not Weight?——*Bye* ſaid, he had weighed every Guinea of it at his own Houſe, laſt Night——if there is a light Guinea, he ſaid, bring it to me and I will change it, for no Man ſhall loſe any Money, on *Calthorpe*'s Account, while I am Agent for him——*Bye* aſked old *Iſaac Davis* where his Houſe was ——who ſaid he rented a Shop adjoining *Edwards*'s Houſe——*Bye* ſaid, that would carry no Vote, and would do no Good for *Calthorpe* at the Election, and refuſed to give him any thing——I ſaw Fifty or Sixty receive it the Firſt Night.

What Number received it on the 15th?

They came in very ſlack——about Ten or Twelve——I remember *Penny* and *Thomas More* coming to my Houſe laſt *Auguſt*, of a *Sunday* Morning; and *Thomas More* aſked me to vote for *Richard Beckford*, and perſuaded me to aſk my Father, and Father-in-Law *(Robert Gilbert)* and *Giles Sherringham*; and I was to apply to the Two *Cholſeys*, and that we Six ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas apiece, Three Hours after we came from the *Croſs*, or the Day after the Election at fartheſt——I aſked how they could inſure them——I was never at *Nathaniel Beckford*'s——Was at *Penny*'s Houſe with *Richard Beckford*, the Election Day in the Morning——*Penny* had me into his Back Parlour, and *Beckford* was there —— *Penny* ſaid to him, I have brought you another Voter —— *Francis Mead*, and his Brother *Edward Mead*, *Francis Ingram*, *Thomas Philips*, *Andrew Farret*, and *William Crabb*, were there, and others whom I don't remember——Then Mr. *Beckford* aſked me for my Vote and Intereſt——I told him I would not promiſe him, meaning I would not deceive him——*Beckford* ſaid, Theſe Gentlemen (Voters) here have promiſed me; and every one who will vote for me I will give Twenty-five Guineas each, Three Hours after they come from the *Croſs*, or the next Morning——*Penny* was there all the while.

What Converſation with you, *Penny*, and *More*?

I aſked *More* how he could inſure me Twenty-five Guineas

——He

——He ſaid he and *Penny* were ſent for over to *Woodyate*, to *Nathaniel Beckford's*, where they found Mr. *Richard Beckford*; and that there were Four thouſand Guineas in Saddle Bags, at Mr. *Nathaniel Beckford's*, which it was all agreed upon, they were to let go at *Hindon* among the Voters, at Twenty-five Guineas a Man——*More* ſaid, *William Becket* took *Richard Beckford* in a Room by himſelf, and ſtaid Half an Hour together, and when they returned in the Room where the Company were, he ſaid, Mr. *Beckford* looked as cool as a Cucumber, and his Noſe was turned crooked in his Face——and that *Richard Beckford* then ſaid he choſe to have the Four thouſand Guineas to be carried and lodged in Mr. *Penruddock's* Hands——it was for the Voters——to be diſtributed after the Election——*More* and *Penny* ſaid, Win or loſe, the Four thouſand Guineas ſhall be diſtributed ——I live in *Penny's* Yard, and overheard, out in the Yard, *Andrew Farrett*, *Charles Simpſon*, Mr. *Crabb*, and *Edward Mead*, ſwear blaſphemous Words, and ſaid, that they would ſwear any Thing againſt *Hollis* and *Smith*, on Behalf of *Beckford*, that he ſhould be One of the Sitting Members——It was about Ten o'Clock, on Election Day in the Morning, that *Penny* and I had the Converſation——I never heard *Smith's* or *Hollis's* Name mentioned till I came down.

Whether it was not known, on the Morning of the Election, or before it, that you was an active Friend for Mr. *Hollis* and *Smith?*

——I never aſked Votes for either of them——*Smith* and *Hollis* aſked me for my Vote and Intereſt, and I promiſed——I was Door-keeper at the *White Horſe*——A great many People came there while I was keeping the Door——very likely ſome ſaw me acting in this Character——Mr. *Richard Beckford* never told me where the Money was.

Did *Richard Beckford*, at any Time, ſay any Thing about the Four thouſand Guineas in Mr. *Penruddock's* Hands?

I never heard him ſay ſo myſelf——*Penny* and *More* ſaid (*Beckford* being by) that there was Four thouſand Guineas in Mr. *Penruddock's* Hands——this was in *Penny's* Parlour, on the Election Day in the Morning——*Farrett*, *Simpſon*, *Crabb*, and *Mead* were there; no Anſwer made.

Name thoſe who were at the blaſphemous Match?

Edward Mead, *Thomas Philips*, *William Crabb*, *Andrew Farrett*, and *Charles Simpſon*——Nobody heard this beſides myſelf.

(*Court.*) Do you know, of your own Knowledge, any of the Voters who took Money at any Place where you was preſent, and who at the Malthouſe?

James

James Burley was at the Malthouſe——I can't ſay I ſaw him ſign ——*William Chiverell* was there, and I ſaw him ſign——*William Harding*, Cooper, was there——can't ſay he ſigned——*William Harden*, I ſaw him ſign a Note, and went to the little Room——*John Merchant* was there, and ſigned a Note——*Roger Spender* was there——I don't know I ſaw him ſign——*John Stevens*, Son of *Henry*, was there: I ſaw him ſign, and he went into the little Room ——*Thomas Shergold*, Sen. and Jun. ——I ſaw them ſign, and go into the little Room——*Luke Tyley* was in the Room——did not ſee him ſign——He was one of the Agents.

On the Election Morning I found many People in *Penny*'s Room, when *Beckford* was there.

How long was *Beckford* there?

I found him there when I went, and I left him there——I ſtaid there about Half an Hour.

Withdrew.

FRANCIS RANGER, ſworn.

Remember being at Doctor *Wake*'s, at *Noyle*---*Francis Mead* went with me; *Tyley* was there, who gave me a laced Hat, promiſed me Twenty-five Guineas, and ſaid he would give me that Hat to vote for *Beckford*——I met Mr. *Beckford* on Mr. *Penny*'s Stair-caſe, who told me I ſhould keep that Hat, and have Twenty-five Guineas beſides, Two or Three Days before the Election, if I would vote for him ——Know *Penny*——have talked with *Penny* ſince the Election—— *Penny* came to me betwixt Five and Six in the Morning, and deſired me to go to Doctor *Wake*'s, and it ſhould be for my Good——and, if I would ſwear any Thing as they would require me, againſt *Hollis* and *Smith*, I or my Family ſhould never want any Thing ——I ſaid, I would not do it upon any Account——This Converſation was about a Week after the Election.

(Croſs-examined.) What Time was you at Doctor *Wake*'s, when you got that Hat?

About a Week before the Election——Preſent there——*John Ranger*, *Thomas Stevens*, *Robert Ranger*, and myſelf——can't recollect any more——there were a pretty many more——I never got the Twenty-five Guineas, nor ever ſaw it.

When I ſaw *Penny* on *Beckford*'s Stair-caſe, it was Twelve o'Clock, on *Wedneſday*, I believe——Can't ſay it was the Day that the Election was proclaimed.

Who was there?

Nobody but *Beckford* and I on the Stair-caſe——*William Penny* and *Ann Stevens* were going backwards and forwards at the Time ——Did not go to Doctor *Wake*'s——*Penny* did not mention any one

one Thing in particular that I was to ſwear to——At the Time the Twenty-five Guineas was offered me by *Tyley*——*Ranger*, *Stevens*, and others I did not recollect, were there——Can't tell *Tyley* offered any body elſe the Twenty-five Guineas at the Time he offered me.

Don't know *Penny* offered to perjure any body but me, or that *Tyley* offered any body, at any other Time, the Twenty-five Guineas.

(Court.) Do you know of any Money being diſtributed to any one of the Electors, at any one Place?

I received Five Guineas at the Malthouſe——*Charles Simpſon* joined in a Note with me——I gave a Note at *Geo. Haward's* ---can't ſay who joined in that Note---There were Four joined in the Note ——I received ſome at the *George*——Can't recollect one who joined in the Note at that Time——Don't remember any Figure dreſſed like *Punch* go about the Town at any one Time.

Withdrew.

JOHN RANGER, ſworn.

Bye and *Becket* told me at the Malthouſe, when I ſet my Hand to a Paper, the Money was for *Calthorpe*——*Charles Wier* ſigned with me——Was at Dr. *Wake's*, when *Francis Ranger* was there ——I ſaw *Luke Tyley* give *Ranger* the Hat, and promiſed Twenty-five Guineas beſides, that Day, or the Day after the Election, to vote for *Beckford*——I ſaw *Richard Beckford*, the Day after, coming along the Road, with his Brother *Nathaniel*, in a Chaiſe——*Richard* held out his Hand, and ſhook Hands with me, and aſked me if I was a Voter of *Hindon*——and ſaid, If you will vote for me, I will give you Twenty-five Guineas, the Day of the Election or the Day after.

(Croſs-examined.) I voted for *Hollis* and *Smith*——*Stevens* and *Nairn* aſked me to vote for them——and I voted accordingly, becauſe the reſt of my Neighbours did the ſame.

I can't ſay when *Wier* and I ſigned the Paper——*John Dowle*, *William Harding* (Cooper) and *William Becket*, Maſon, were preſent when *Bye* and *Becket* told me that the Money was for *Calthorpe*—— I did not hear *Bye* ſay it——ſo *Becket* repeated it——*Bye* ſpoke firſt, and ſaid, I was to have Five Guineas, and Ten Guineas more before the Election——I ſaid, I ſhould vote as the reſt of my Neighbours did——Great many People were in the Room, when *Tyley* offered my Uncle the Hat, and the Twenty-five Guineas——I met the Two *Beckfords* in a Poſt Chaiſe——when Mr. *Richard Beckford* aſked me to vote, and promiſed to give me Twenty-five Guineas——I told him I ſhould vote as the reſt of my Neighbours did——It was about

Three

Three Weeks before the Election——Nobody was with me when *Beckford* ſhook Hands with me, Nobody was within Hearing.

How long before the Election was you at Dr. *Wake*'s?

About Three Weeks——Never had any Part of the Twenty-five Guineas——I had no Money at any Time on Account of voting ——I went to the *George*, becauſe the reſt of my Neighbours did ——I ſaw a Crowd of People, and I wanted to ſee what they were about——I did not ſuſpect Money was given away at *Lucas*'s.

(Court.) Never underſtood any Money was lent at *Lucas*'s. ——Withdrew.

WILLIAM WHITE, ſworn.

I have been at Dr. *Wake*'s——was there with *Francis Ranger*.

What do you remember about the laced Hat?

I ſaw *Luke Tyley* put his Hat upon *Ranger*'s Head, and ſaid he ſhould have that Hat and Twenty-five Guineas, either the Day before or after Election, if he would vote for *Beckford*——Went with *William Penny* there——*Penny* ſaid he would have every Man in *Hindon* ſtand for *Beckford*, and not for the Nabob Fellows; and ſaid to me and *Thomas Stevens*, every Man in the Town ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas to vote for *Beckford*, the Day before or after the Election——Mr. *Richard Beckford* ſaid, *Friday* before the Election, he would be as good as any Gentleman, or rather better; and aſked me for my Vote——*N. Beckford* was with him—— Know *William Bye*——have ſeen him with a great deal of Money ——have paid Money to him myſelf.

(Croſs-examined). I believe on *Friday* before the Election Day I was at Dr. *Wake*'s, Two or Three Miles from *Hindon*——*Luke Tyley* and *Penny* aſked me to go and drink a Glaſs of Beer there——*Thomas Stevens*, *Wlliam Stevens*, and I ſet off together---met with *William Penny*, about Two Furlongs from *Hindon*—— He overtook us ——He talked about the Money as ſoon as he overtook us——He was on Horſeback, and ſaid we ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas the Day after the Election——Can't recollect what Anſwer I made—— We walked together about a Mile——Remember nothing more of the Converſation——The Two *Stevens*'s joined in the Converſation ——can't recollect what they ſaid——The Nabob Fellows turned out to be General *Smith* and *Hollis*——I liked them very well, becauſe they were good-looking Men.

Did you receive any Money?

No. ——Withdrew.

Queſtion objected to by Mr. *Mansfield*.

Witneſs called in.

Queſtion repeated.

Did you receive any Money, before the Election, for your Vote?

Don't chooſe to anſwer.

It was *Friday* before the Election——I converſed with Mr. *Richard Beckford*, *Francis Mead*—and *Nathaniel Beckford* were there when he ſaid he would be as good as any other Gentleman——*Richard Beckford* never had any Converſation with me, at any other Time, at my Houſe.

Withdrew.

JAMES GILBERT, ſworn.

Was at *Still*'s, (the Returning Officer) who is employed for *Calthorpe*, as Steward——went there on *Sunday* Se'nnight before the Election——*William Penny*, *William Bye*, *William Becket*, Mr. *Still*, and myſelf were there—I went there to take a Houſe, which I was to have to vote for *Calthorpe*——*William Penny* told me I was to have the Houſe——When I returned to *Penny*'s Houſe, *Penny* ſaid, if I would ſtand to my Integrity, and vote for *Beckford* and *Calthorpe*, he would let me have his Houſe, and Twenty-five Guineas the Day after the Election——I ſaw *Richard Beckford* at *Penny*'s Houſe, when he came to *Hindon* to canvaſs the Borough——Some Time after I had been at *Still*'s, *Penny* ſaid he would hold a hundred Guineas that *Beckford* was elected at *Hindon Croſs* at this Election; and ſaid, Every Man who voted for *Beckford* ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas the Day after the Election——He ſaid it as *Beckford* was going to the Parlour——*Beckford* ſaid, That's right, keep it up *Penny*.

(Croſs-examined.) When *Penny* ſaid you ſhould have the Houſe, in order to vote for *Calthorpe*, what followed?

Penny ſaid, If I would ſtand to my Word, he would behave as a Man of Honour, and I ſhould have a Houſe, and Twenty-five Guineas the Day after the Election——*Nathaniel Beckford* was not at *Penny*'s Houſe when this Converſation paſſed——don't know that Mr. *Beckford* was in Jeſt, when he ſaid, "That's right, keep it up."

Withdrew.

THOMAS DUKES, ſworn.

Know the Malthouſe——I was there——while I was at work there on a *Saturday*, Mr. *W. Bye* ſaid there was Five Guineas a Man, for any body who would receive it, at the Malthouſe——I went on *Mon-*

day

day and received it, and ſigned a Note——Mr. *Snook* ſigned with me——*Thomas Bye* gave me the Money out of the Hole, and ſhook Hands with me through the Hole, and ſaid, I am very glad I have got you at laſt.——

(Croſs-examined.) I knew *Bye*'s Voice——can't recollect how long it was before the Election that I was there.

Withdrew.

THOMAS STEVENS, ſworn.

Know *N. Beckford*——he canvaſſed the Borough for his Brother ——neither he nor his Brother *Richard* promiſed me any thing to vote for him——I was at *Noyle*——*Robert* and *Francis Ranger* were there——never heard of receiving any thing when we got there——was examined at *Noyle* by Mr. *Smith*——we were all in Liquor before we were examined——I heard *Penny* ſay, that thoſe who would vote for *Beckford* ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas a Man after the Time——went to Dr. *Wake*'s the Day after the Election, which was the Day we were examined——never heard we were to receive any thing then, only heard we were to receive ſomething after the Election——but received nothing.

(Croſs-examined.) When I went to Dr. *Wake*'s, I did not expect any thing——went into the Kitchen——Twenty of us together——Mrs. *Wake* gave us ſome Beer to drink——ſtaid there Two Hours——Mr. *Smith* examined me in the Parlour——I was ſent for ——Mr. *Smith*, *Beckford*, and *Wake*, were in the Parlour——what I ſaid at that Time I don't recollect——I was quite drunk——was not in the Parlour long——examined in the Parlour, before I went out with Mr. *Beckford*——*Smith* aſked me, if I had not received Two Five and Fifteen Guineas, at *Lucas*'s and *Haward*'s ——then I went out of the Parlour——examined by Nobody lately——I was ſummoned here by both Parties.

(Court.) I received Five Guineas at *Haward*'s, and ſign'd a Note——ſomebody ſigned with me, but can't recollect who——I received Money at *Lucas*'s——can't recollect who ſigned with me——received Money at the Malthouſe, and ſigned a Note——*Thomas Field* ſigned with me—— I was at the *White Horſe*, and ſigned a Note there——*Andrew Ferrett* was there——received no Money of *Punch*.

Withdrew.

SAMUEL FIELDE, ſworn.

Received Five Guineas of Mr. *Bye*, the *Monday* after it was given

given at the Malthouſe——can't ſay what it was given for——I took it at *Bye*'s own Houſe——I gave a Note for it——*William Harden*, Labourer, ſigned with me.

(Court.) I received Five Guineas at *George Haward*'s, and ſigned a Note with *Joſ. Norton* and *Roger Norton*——received Money at *Lucas*'s, and ſigned a Note——can't recollect who ſigned with me——received none at any other Time.

Withdrew.

Adjourned till To-morrow.

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Veneris, 10° *die Februarii*, 1775.

COMMITTEE proceed on *Hindon* Election.

Counsel for Sitting Members proceed.

ANN CHOLSEY, sworn (Daughter to *Benjamin Cholsey.*)

I Know *William Penny*——heard him say there was Four Thousand Guineas lodged in Colonel *Penruddock*'s Hands, for the Use of Mr. *Beckford*——He told me, if my Father would vote for *Beckford*, he should have Twenty-five Guineas within Three Hours after he came from the *Cross*——was at *Penny*'s the Morning of the Election, and saw *Richard Beckford* there——about Ten o'Clock ——there were there *Luke Tyley* and *William Bye*——went into the House——*Beckford* was in a little Passage.

(Cross-examined.) I heard *Penny* talk of Four thousand Guineas in Mr. *Penruddock*'s Hands, some Time before the Election, within a Week of the Parliament's being dissolved——I was by myself when *Penny* said my Father was to have Twenty-five Guineas for voting for *Beckford*——I know of no Money being given away, but that at the Malthouse——I heard very particularly as to the Malthouse—— heard *Penny* say, it was "to vote for *Calthorpe*"——*Penny* told me the Five Guineas at the Malthouse was left for *Calthorpe*'s Interest ——I never heard of Money given at the *White Horse*, the *George*, or by Madam *Punch*.

I live at *Hindon*, under the Roof of *Penny*'s, with my Father.

(Court.) Lived, at *Easter* 1774, at *Lucas*'s——have lived up and down at *Lucas*'s these Seven Years——I saw Nobody but Strangers come in and out.

Withdrew.

ROBERT WIER (Labourer) sworn.

Live at *Hindon*——am a Voter——was at *Hindon* the Morning of the Election——I did not see *Beckford* there at all.

(*Croſs-examined.*) I voted for *Hollis* and *Smith* at the laſt Election——don't ſay when I firſt heard of them——I had no particular Reaſon for voting for them——I had no Money on their Accounts——I received Money on *Calthorpe*'s Account at the Malthouſe——don't chuſe to tell any more about *Hollis* and *Smith*.

(*Court.*) All the Candidates were at the *Croſs* when I voted I——*Richard Beckford* was there——and I ſaw him at *Penny*'s Houſe in the Afternoon. Withdrew.

OBADIAH RANGER (Labourer) ſworn.

The People generally call me *Robert*——live at *Hindon*, and am a Voter.

I know *Woodyate*——was there a little before the Election——ſaw both the *Beckfords* there——I dined there and ſupped——and after Supper we had Punch.

What Converſation?

After Supper, *Richard Beckford* told me, I ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas if I wou'd give him my Vote——I made no Anſwer——I neither ſaid, I wou'd, or I wou'd not——There were *Francis Ingram* and *Edward Mead* there——

(*Croſs-examined.*) *Mead* was very drunk——I was there Five or Six Hours——I was perfectly ſober——Remember nothing more of *Beckford*'s Converſation——Can't ſay how long *Beckford* had been there——Other Voters were in the Room when he offered me Twenty-five Guineas——He directed his Diſcourſe to all who were there——He ſaid, Gentlemen, I will give you all Twenty-five Guineas a Man, after the Election, that will vote for me at the Election——I have borrowed Money many Times, and expected to pay it again——I borrowed it of my Neighbours——Borrowed none at *Lucas*'s——I voted for *Hollis* and *Smith*——Received nothing of *Hollis* and *Smith* in my Life——received no Money on Account of *Smith* in my Life——Have been at the *White Horſe*——don't know any thing of Money being diſtributed there.

(*Court.*) Came from *Woodyate* the next Day after I laid there.——Withdrew.

JOHN HACKER, ſworn.

Am a labouring Man——no Voter——know *William Penny*, Senior,——I ſaw him after the Election, in his own Room——He aſked me, if I would ſwear any Thing——I ſaid, I would not ſwear any Thing——He ſaid, if I would ſwear it ſhould be the making

making of me——*Andrew Farrett* came into the ſame Room, and ſaid, I could ſwear if I liked it; and I ſaid, if I would ſwear any Thing, he would give me Thirty Pounds To-morrow Morning.

(Croſs-examiued.) Don't know how long after the Election I came to *Penny*'s——it was at his own Houſe——Nobody preſent at that Time——I ſtood with him a few Minutes——I was angry with him for wanting me to ſwear what I did not know——I ſaid to him, I would not ſwear——I did not drink with him——He gave me Six Pence——He ſaid immediately, as ſoon as I came into the Room, "If you will ſwear who *Punch*'s Wife was, I will be the Making of you"——I have ſeen *Punch*, but could not gueſs who *Punch* was——*Andrew Farrett* came into the ſame Room directly——Three or Four Minutes after, he told me I could ſwear who *Punch*'s Wife was, if I had a mind to it——and I ſaid, I wou'd not——I heard of no Money being given at the Election.

(Court.) I have ſeen *Punch*'s Wife——never ſaw her give Money away.

Withdrew.

[Counſel for Sitting Members cloſe their Evidence.]

Mr. *Bearcroft*, To diſprove the Tranſaction at *Woodyate*, and at *Benjamin Cholſey*'s.

LUKE TYLEY (a Cutler, and a Voter) ſworn.

As to the Tranſaction about the Hat.

Was at *Noyle*, at Dr. *Wake*'s, on the Third of *October*——*Francis Ranger* was there.

Relate the Tranſaction about the Silver-laced Hat that *Francis Ranger* had?

There were Two laced Hats upon Two Pins——one *Edward Mead* had——a Gold-laced one——I aſked one of the Servants to give him his Hat——he had the Hat——I went to *Francis Ranger*, in order to make him carry the Hat home again——he ſaid he wou'd carry it home, if they wou'd let him have his own ——I never mentioned the Twenty-five Guineas to *Francis Ranger* ——never heard *Beckford* mention ſuch a Word——*Beckford* never promiſed me any Money, and I had no Authority from him to do any ſuch Thing——*Beckford* never ſpent any Money in the Town——never

——I never heard of any Money given on Behalf of *Beckford* ſince I have been there.

Don't know whether *Francis Ranger* has the Hat now——I am certain *Beckford* never promiſed any Money in my Hearing—— I was at the Malthouſe——ſaw nothing given away there.

(Court.) Was at Mr. *Penny*'s the Morning of the Election ——was with *Nathaniel Beckford* there——did not ſee Mr. *Richard Beckford* there——was there ſeveral Times in the Morning——I am ſure *Beckford* never gave any Liquor before the Election——we have had Liquor ſince the Election——no Supper before the Election——and I think he did not ſpend a Sixpence before the Election ——had a Dinner on the Day of the Election——I don't know at whoſe Expence Dr. *Wake*'s Servant came to me, and aſked me for the Hat, and ſaid I ſhould pay for it—— I am certain he never had it again——One *Francis Mead* ſigned ſome Papers at the Malthouſe——I don't know the Contents of thoſe Papers——I ſaw no People ſign any of the Papers——cou'd not tell what Tranſactions paſſed in the Room——I know no ſingle Perſon wrote, beſides *Mead*, to the beſt of my Knowledge.

I went to the Malthouſe juſt to ſpend an Evening—— Mr. *Becket* and I were Relations——Great many People came in——I can't ſay upon what Occaſion they came—— They took away the Papers that *Francis Mead* wrote——I did not ſee them ſign——I ſaw not one, who was not a Voter of *Hindon*, come——Did not ſee any body put their Hands over a Door, or through a Door——I went round with *Beckford* to canvaſs——I never aſked for Votes for any of the Candidates——Never ſaw People come into the Malthouſe before in that Manner——Never joined in lending poor People Money——*John Dowle*, *William Bye*, *William Becket*, and *John Becket*, ſubſcribed 100*l.* apiece——I don't know that Money was diſtributed at the Malthouſe to poor People——Never heard of this Ceremony, of ſo many People going through this Room, before this Time, becauſe there uſed not to be a Door to paſs through.

Withdrew.

DANIEL LAMBERT, ſworn.

I was preſent at Doctor *Wake*'s, the 3d of *October* laſt, when *Francis Ranger* was there, and remember *Luke Tyley*'s taking a Hat off a Pin and putting it on his Head.

What

What did *Luke Tyley* ſay to him?

As they were joking together, *Luke Tyley* took the Hat off the Pin, and put it on his Head, and ſaid there is a Hat for you; but ſaid nothing to him about Twenty-five Guineas to vote for *Beckford*; if he had ſaid ſo, I ſhould have heard him——I never heard *Beckford* gave any Money to any Voters——Remember *Nathaniel* and *Richard Beckford*'s coming from *Noyle* in a Poſt Chaiſe——I was there at the Time——Several Voters about——I was upon the Fore-Bar of the Chaiſe——I don't remember *John Ranger* met them ——Mr. *Richard Beckford* was going to *Hindon*, to make a Speech at the *Croſs*——If *John Ranger* had ſtopped them upon the Road, and *Beckford* had ſaid he ſhould have Twenty-five Guineas, I ſhould have heard it.

(Croſs-examined.) This was the ſame Day I was at Doctor *Wake*'s——the Fore Part of the Day——I was there an Hour—— Great many People at Doctor *Wake*'s, in the Morning——We went to meet them, hearing they were come to *Hindon* to canvaſs that Morning——All that paſſed about the Hat was a Joke——*Luke Tyley* took down the Hat, and ſaid, there is the Hat for you—— Can't ſay I heard every Thing that paſſed there——I was in the Kitchen with *Ranger* ſome Time——I did not go up the Hill on the Bar of the Chaiſe——Never left the Carriage, from *Noyle* to *Hindon*, except up the Hill——Saw *Francis Ranger* upon the Road, and ſome of the Voters, who aſked *Beckford* how he did—— *Edward Mead* was upon the Bar of the Chaiſe with me.

(Court.) Did *Beckford* order the Carriage to ſtop any Part of the Way?

Not that I know of—not to talk to any Body—I believe he ſhook Hands with a good many, as they went along the Side of the Carriage.

Withdrew.

EDWARD MEAD, ſworn.

I went along with the Poſt-chaiſe, when *Beckford* went from *Noyle* to *Hindon*—I went on the Bar—Young Doctor *Lambert* rode on the Bar of the Chaiſe with me—The two *Beckfords* were going to put up at *Hindon*—I don't remember the Chaiſe ſtopt at all—I rode all the Way on the Bar of the Chaiſe, except up the Hill——I did not ſee *John Ranger* upon the Road——he did not ſtop the Chaiſe all the Way, or I ſhould have ſeen him——*Beckford* never made me any ſuch a Promiſe as to give me Twenty-five Guineas——I don't know of any body who received Money on his Account——I was not at *William Penny*'s the Morning of the Election.

 (Croſs-examined.)

(Croſs-examined.) I met a good many People on the Road from *Noyle* to *Hindon*—the Chaiſe went a moderate Pace—ſometimes trotted and ſometimes walked—Did not hear any one ſpeak about the Election—there was one *Francis Ranger* ſaid he would give him his Voice——he ſhook Hands with ſome of them——I can't ſay with how many on the Road——about a Score went from *Noyle* with the Chaiſe——I don't remember any of the Voters rode on the Horſes——I can't tell how many were behind the Chaiſe——*Ranger* went along the Side of the Carriage——I went up to the *Lamb* the Morning of the Election——I was at different Parts of the Town——was not at *Penny*'s the Morning of the Election ——I might go along by the Door——I don't remember I ſtopped.

(Court.) I can't recollect any one I received the Five Guineas with at the *George*, but there were Three——I ſigned a Note at the Malthouſe, when I borrowed Five Guineas ——I ſigned by myſelf——Nobody ſigned with me—— *Tyley* was not preſent at the Malthouſe when I ſigned.

Withdrew.

JOHN MORE, ſworn.

I was at *Noyle*, on *Monday* the 3d of *October* laſt, when *Tyley* and *Ranger* were there——I remember a Hat taken off the Place, and being put on *Ranger*'s Head——there was a Joke about the Hat, but I cou'd not hear it——Never heard *Tyley* ſay, Twenty-five Guineas ſhou'd be given to *Ranger* to vote for *Beckford*; if he had ſaid it, I ſhould have heard it——I never heard *Beckford* promiſe any Body——nor did I hear any body promiſe in his Behalf.

(Croſs-examined.) I heard no Converſation while the Hat was putting on——It is ſo long ago, I have forgot about the Hat——I heard *Penny* was there at the ſame Time——No ſuch Thing paſſed about the Twenty-five Guineas while I was there——*Tyley* took down the Hat, and put it on *Ranger*'s Head.

(Court.) I heard the Joke about the Hat, but I can't recollect what it was——I did not hear *Francis Ranger* aſk for the Hat——I was there all the while——I can't ſay what Doctor *Wake*'s Servant ſaid to *Tyley*, when he took down the Hat——I did not accompany the Poſt-Chaiſe from *Noyle* ——I came away juſt before it.

Withdrew.

HENRY OBORNE, ſworn.

I am a Servant of Doctor *Wake*'s, and was ſo on the 3d of *October* laſt

laſt——I remember *Ranger* and *Tyley* being there——remember the Hiſtory of the laced Hat——My Hat was hanging on a Pin in the Kitchen——I can't ſay who took it off——I ſaw a Man with my Hat on his Head, who aſked me to give him that Hat——I ſaid, I could not part with it.——Somebody in the Kitchen ſaid, He is a poor Man, and deſired me to give it him——they urged me to give it him again——I ſaid I had poor Relations of my own to give it to——they aſked me to ſell it——I told them I did not chuſe it——they offered to give me Two Shillings for it——Somebody ſaid, the Man had got the Hat again, and ſaid *Tyley* had given him it——*Tyley* told me to take no Notice of it, and ſaid he would ſee I ſhould have it again——I ſaw the Hat upon his Head, and *Luke Tyley* was in the Room, and deſired me to give him the Hat——I did not hear *Luke Tyley* ſay he would give him Twenty-five Guineas to vote for *Beckford*, nor any body elſe ſay they would give Twenty-five Guineas——I went to *Penny*'s that Morning on Horſeback, on one of Mr. *Beckford*'s Horſes——I don't know Mr. *Beckford* was there ——I went there to enquire for him, and they ſaid he was not there——then I went up to the Poll, and found him there.

(Croſs-examined.) I did not know where in particular to go to look for him——I did not think to find him at *Penny*'s, any more than any where elſe——I did not go to the *George* or to the *White Horſe* ——I don't know my Maſter uſed to go to *Penny*'s——I put my Horſe up at *Penny*'s ——Mr. *Beckford*'s Servant deſired me to carry my Horſe there.

Withdrew.

JOHN DAVIS, ſworn.

Am a Clerk at *Beckford*'s——I know *Nathaniel Beckford* has been gone to *Jamaica* ever ſince *Chriſtmas*.

Where was Mr. *Nathaniel Beckford* on the 7th of *October* laſt?

He was in *Nicholas Lane* on 6th *October* laſt——and paid me ſome Money about Two or Three o'Clock, and he ſaid he thought of going out of Town the next Day.

Withdrew.

JOHN SMITH, ſworn.

Where was *Nathaniel Beckford* on the 7th of *October* laſt?

In *London*; I remember it, becauſe I promiſed to go with him to *Hindon*——on *Thurſday* the 6th of *October* he came to Town, and I promiſed to go with him on *Friday*, after the Meeting at *Guildhall*, but I did not call on him till *Friday* Seven o'Clock, and did not get to *Noyle* till *Saturday* Night the 8th.

(Croſs-examined.)

(Croſs-examined.) I am certain it was *Friday* before the Election, and *Richard Beckford* was at *Noyle* at that Time.

Withdrew.

THOMAS MORE, and *BENJAMIN CHOLSEY*, ſworn; and confronted together.

I was not at *Cholſey*'s in *Auguſt* laſt, when there was any Talk of Four thouſand Guineas being lodged in Mr. *Penruddock*'s Hands on Account of Mr. *Beckford*——I never went to his Houſe of a *Sunday* Morning to aſk him for his Vote, nor ever applied to him for his Vote for Mr. *Beckford*, nor never deſired him to perſuade his own Father, or his Father-in-law, or *Sherringham*, to vote for *Beckford* in my Life——I never told him or any body elſe they ſhou'd have Twenty-five Guineas to vote for *Beckford*, Three Hours after coming from the *Croſs*.

(Croſs-examined.) I might be in his Houſe in *Auguſt*——I can't ſay what Day——I have gone through his Houſe, ſometimes Ten Times in a Day——I never heard there any Talk about any Money at all, which was to be given in Behalf of Mr. *Beckford* after the Election.

BENJAMIN CHOLSEY, examined.

More was at my Houſe, in *Auguſt* laſt, on a *Sunday* Morning in particular, after he had been at *Woodyate*—*William Penny* and *More* came in together——*More* ſaid to me, *Benjamin*, will you vote for *Richard Beckford*, and perſuade your Father, and Father-in-Law, and Mr. *Sherringham*, and you ſhall have Twenty-five Guineas a Man——I aſked how he could inſure them——and *More* told me they had been at *Beckford*'s, and it was ſettled it ſhould be ſo——my Daughter will juſtify that *Penny* and *More* told me ſo.

THOMAS MORE.

I was at *Beckford*'s of a *Wedneſday*——I am not clear in the Day I was at *Cholſey*'s——I might tell him I had been at *Beckford*'s, and I might go there with *Penny*——but no ſuch Thing as the Money was mentioned by me at any Time while I was there——I might go to his Wife while he was out, and take a Pinch of Snuff with her——I did not care to go into the Houſe while *Cholſey* was there, becauſe I thought him an Enemy to *Beckford*.

(Court.) I never ſaid a Word to him about the Money——nor ever aſked him for his Vote, or deſired him to perſuade his Father, or his Father-in-Law, or Mr. *Sheringham*, to vote for *Beckford*——I have been ſeveral Times in his Houſe, but never ſaid any Thing about Elections——I never

never ſaid thoſe Words to *Cholſey*, or any Body elſe at any other Time, about Election Money.

Withdrew.

Cholſey remains.

WILLIAM PENNY, ſworn.

I know *Thomas More*——Never was preſent at any Time when he applied to *Cholſey* to vote for *Beckford*, or that he applied to him to get his own Father, and Father-in-Law, or *Sherringham*, to vote for *Beckford*; nor that he offered any Money to them to vote for *Beckford*.

(Croſs-examined.) I might have gone with *More* to *Cholſey*'s, but never heard any Converſation about Mr. *Beckford*'s proffering Money——I can't recollect I was there on the *Sunday*——Very likely I might be there ſoon after I was at *Woodyate*; and very likely I told *Cholſey* I had been there——I can't recollect what Day I went to *Beckford*'s——I was there Three Times——I went very often to *Cholſey*'s ——I and *More* went to take a Pinch of Snuff with his Wife——I went ſometimes when he was at home and ſometimes when he was not ——I never had a miſs Word with him——I have talked about Election Buſineſs with him many Times——it was the Talk of the Town——Never told him Money was to be given on *Beckford*'s Account——I never heard it——I never aſked for any Votes for *Beckford*.

(Court.) What do you mean by ſaying you canvaſſed with *Beckford*'s Brother?

I went round the Town with him.

William Newton, Senior and Junior, ſigned a Note at *Lucas*'s, and received the Money——*Daniel Lambert* received it for himſelf, and his Father, *Henry*——I can't recollect any others ——I ſaw Forty or Fifty ſign Papers at the Malthouſe—— I ſaw *William Bye*, Junior, ſign there——When I ſaw him at *Cholſey*'s Houſe, at the Converſation about Elections, *More* was preſent——I don't recollect I applied to any body for a Vote for *Beckford*.

Withdrew.

Cholſey remains.

ANDREW FARRETT, ſworn.

I was at *Penny*'s, the Morning of the Election Day, at about Seven or Eight o'Clock, and ſtaid there about a Quarter of an Hour ——I was there again about Half after Nine, and ſtaid till Ten—— *Thomas Penny* and Landlord *Penny* was there——I did not ſee *Richard Beckford* nor *Benjamin Cholſey* neither Time there that Morning——I ſaw *Nathaniel Beckford* there——Nobody ever ſaid at that Time, or any other Time, any Thing about Money to vote for *Beckford*.

(Croſs-examined.) When I went in the Second Time, *Nathaniel Beckford* was not in the Parlour, but I ſaw *Samuel Phillips*, *Thomas Phillips*, and *Latham Phillips*, come out of the Parlour——During the Time I was out of *Penny*'s Houſe, I walked about the Town ——When I came back, at Half paſt Nine, I went into the Kitchen, and then ſaw *Nathaniel Beckford* come out of the Parlour, but had no Converſation with him.

Withdrew.

Cholſey remains.

THOMAS PHILIPS, ſworn.

I remember being at *Penny*'s the Morning of the Election-Day ——Did not ſee Mr. *Richard Beckford* there——*Nathaniel Beckford* was there——Did not ſee Mr. *Cholſey* there——Mr. *Nathaniel Beckford* promiſed Money for one Mr. *Mawbey*——I was there with my Father *Philips* and *Sheringham*.

What ſaid about *Mawbey?*

Beckford ſaid, he wanted ſome Votes for Colonel *Mawbey*—— Four Votes; and ſaid 100*l.* would do no hurt——Can't tell what *Mawbey* was to do——I never heard *Nathaniel Beckford* ſay he would give any Money for Votes for his Brother *Richard Beckford*——I heard Nobody talk of giving Money, at any Time, to vote for Mr. *Richard Beckford*.

(Croſs-examined.) *Cholſey* was not at *Penny*'s at all——I was there all the Morning——I went there between Seven and Eight o'Clock——did not ſtay there till I went to poll, when I went away ——I kept by the Door all the While——I went to the *Lamb* from *Penny*'s; I did not ſtay there a great While, and went back to *Penny*'s——I took particular Notice *Cholſey* was not there, becauſe he was an oppoſite Party——he might have come if he would, but he would not——I don't know whether any Body was there but Friends or no——Don't know whether *Cholſey* was a Friend or no.

Do you know?

How ſhould I.

When *Beckford* ſaid he wanted Three or Four Votes, and that 100*l.* would do Nobody any Harm, was it after he ſaid it was for *Mawbey?*

Yes.

(Court.) Did he call *Mawbey* by the Name of Colonel?

I can't ſay——*Mawbey* was at the *Lamb* all Night——I ſaw Mr. *Richard Beckford* at the *Lamb* before the Election——no where elſe, to the beſt of my Knowledge, till he went to the *Croſs*——I was in the Parlour at *Penny*'s

Mr.

——Mr. *Nathaniel Beckford*, Three *Phillips's*, and *Sherringham*, were there——I Saw Nobody else. Withdrew.

Cholsey remains.

WILLIAM CRABB, sworn.

I have known *Joseph Cholsey* Eight or Nine Years——I know *William Penny*——was not at his House the Morning of the Election——I was sent for from the *Swan*, to go to Dinner at *Penny*'s——till then I was not there——This was after the Election.

(Cross-examined.) I can't tell who was at *Penny*'s that Morning——I began to draw Beer at the *Swan* about Ten o'Clock, and staid there till I went to give my Voice, and then returned ——I was at several Places in the Town before——I might be at *Penny*'s Door.

Withdrew.

Cholsey remains.

THOMAS PENNY, sworn.

Am Son of *William Penny*, who keeps the *Queen's Head*——I have known *Cholsey* Eight or Nine Years, he lives next Door to me——I did not see *Cholsey* at my Father's House, the Day of Election——*Richard Beckford* was not there——I was not Five Minutes out of the House all the Morning——I am positive neither *Beckford* or *Cholsey* were there.

(Cross-examined.) I waited upon People——went in and out of the Parlour, once or twice, more or less——I made no Stay in the Parlour.

Who were in the Parlour?

I saw Two *Philips*'s, *Smith*, and *Giles Sherringham*, go in there ——I heard them say *Nathaniel Beckford* was there——I did not go in while he was there——I know no other Person that was in the Room.

Luke Tyley was in the Kitchen——did not perceive him in the Parlour.

(Court.) I don't think any went into the Parlour but what I knew——I did not see above Three go into the Parlour ——I don't suppose *Cholsey* was in the House for a Month before the Election——*Cholsey* and my Father were at great Variance——I have heard them bite-back behind their Backs——*Cholsey* was known at that Time to be of the opposite Party.

Which

Mr.

Which Party was *Giles Sherringham* of?
I don't know——I did not ſee *William Crabb* there.

Withdrew.

Cholſey remains.

FRANCIS INGRAM, ſworn.

Know *Cholſey*——was not with him, or with *Beckford*, the Morning of the Election, at *Penny*'s——I never ſaw *Richard Beckford* there, or *Cholſey*, the Morning of the Election——I was in ſuch a Condition to know *Cholſey* was not there——I was not in the Parlour, I was in the Kitchen.

(Croſs-examined.) I did not ſee *Cholſey* that Morning——I ſaw *Richard Beckford* at the *Lamb*, and in the Street——I did not ſtay at *Penny*'s a Quarter of an Hour——I ſaw *Andrew Farrett* and *Thomas Philips* there.

Both withdrew.

ANDREW FARRETT, again called.

Know *Benjamin Cholſey*——I have been in Company with *Crabb*, *Simpſon*, *Mead*, and *Philips*, many Times——never heard them ſay they would ſwear any thing againſt *Hollis* or *Smith*, that they ſhould not be the Sitting Members, and to make Mr. *Beckford* the Sitting Member——nor never ſaid ſo myſelf——I pay ſome Reſpect to an Oath, and I don't think *Cholſey* does.

(Croſs-examined.) I have ſupped with ſome of theſe Gentlemen, ſince the Election, at *Penny*'s Houſe——and ſomebody paid for the Supper——I never entered into Particulars of Election Matters at this Supper——I ſuſpected it was Mr. *Beckford* gave us the Supper——I drank his Health——we have talked pretty loud after Supper, and ſang jovial Songs.

Withdrew.

WILLIAM CRABB, again ſworn.

I have been with *Simpſon*, *Mead*, and *Philips* many Times——never in Company with them, when they ſaid they would ſwear any thing againſt Mr. *Hollis* and *Smith*——that *Beckford* ſhould be the Sitting Member.

Withdrew.

Evidence cloſed on both Sides.

Adjourned till To-morrow.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Committee came to the following Reſolutions:

Reſolved,

THAT it appears to this Committee, That *Richard Smith*, Eſquire, by his Agents, has been guilty of notorious Bribery in procuring himſelf to be elected and returned a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Hindon*, in the County of *Wilts*.

Reſolved,

THAT it appears to this Committee, That *Thomas-Brand Hollis*, Eſquire, by his Agents, has been guilty of notorious Bribery, in procuring himſelf to be elected and returned a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Hindon*.

Reſolved,

THAT it appears to this Committee, That *James Calthorpe*, Eſquire, by his Agents, has been guilty of notorious Bribery, in endeavouring to procure himſelf to be elected and returned a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Hindon*.

Reſolved,

THAT it appears to this Committee, That *Richard Beckford*, Eſquire, has, by his Agent, endeavoured, by Promiſe of Money, to procure himſelf to be elected and returned a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Hindon*.

Reſolved,

THAT it appears to this Committee, That the Reverend *John Nairn* of *Hindon*; *Faſham Nairn*, Eſquire, late of *Bury Street*, *Saint James*'s; *Francis Ward* of *Sherborne Lane*, *London*; *Stevens*, a Butcher at *Saliſbury*, commonly called *Jobber Stevens*; *Francis Mead*, *John Hart*, *William Lucas*, *Thomas Howell*, *John Becket* (Baker), *William Penny*, *William Bye*, Senior, *William Becket*

and *William Burnet*, of *Hindon*, have acted as Agents, and been acceſſary to, and concerned in, the notorious Acts of Bribery and Corruption that have been practiſed at the laſt Election for the ſaid Borough of *Hindon*.

Reſolved,

THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Houſe be moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to disfranchiſe the ſaid Borough of *Hindon*, in the County of *Wilts*.